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THE PAJAMA GAME

Directed by
Liam Corrigan

TUE 3rd - SAT 7th May @ 8pm

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All tickets €15

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Based on the novel 'The Game' by Richard B. Sewall

The Pajama Game - Chairperson's Address

Good evening Ladies, Gentlemen and Children.

Welcome to Glencullen Musical & Dramatic Society's Production of 'The Pajama Game' a musical based on the novel 7½ Cents by Richard Bissell.

GMDS have been producing high quality productions since 1971. In our 40th year we are the only local group who perform a Musical and a Play during the year. This year sees our fantastic cast take to the stage again. This doesn't include all the unsung people of the Society, our Back Stage Crew, Costumes, Hair & Makeup Artists, Front of House Team and Set Builders. This list could go on and on. I would like to thank every single person for their time, commitment and good humour over the last few months.

GMDS has always being about the Community. In the beginning our rehearsal room was the Library in Glencullen but due to the inclement weather over the years we headed towards the safety of the low lands! As we moved down the mountain we picked up members along the way. We now have members from Glencullen, Stepaside, Sandford, Balally, Dundrum, Milltown, Ballinkeer and beyond. We are delighted again to be back in our 'New Home', The Mill Theatre. Our founding Member Billy Cannon has left us a lasting legacy, 40 years later we are still about the Community and we appreciate all the support we have received over the years from our wonderful audiences.

I also want to thank all our loyal Patrons, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council, and every local Business that gave us support for this show. We are an amateur group, run by volunteers and without the generous support from these people our productions would not be possible.

Special thanks to St. Tiernan's Community School, particularly Tony and Paul, who have always looked after us and to my own 137th Balally Scout Group who let us avail of their Den for our long weekend rehearsals! I would like to welcome once again Balally Hospitality Group who has supported GMDS through the years.

Once again our Production Team have excelled themselves. Liam, Helen, Gerry and Helena go above and beyond what is asked of them. Their enthusiasm is infectious and it has been a delight to work with them.

Massive thanks to our dedicated committee and for all their effort, hard work,

Massive thanks to our dedicated committee and for all their effort, hard work, enthusiasm and friendship. The amount of work that goes into producing a show of this scale is immense. All their hard work is a credit to the ethos of GMDS. We are a family and we share each other's joys. So sit back, relax and please enjoy GMDS's production of The Pajama Game



Peter O'Brien
Chairperson

Glencullen Musical and Dramatic Society

Committee:

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Tom Ronayne
Michelle Kennedy
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Best of luck to Gencullen Musical and Dramatic Society with their Production of The Pajama Game

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The Pajama Game - Production Team, Crew

Director:	Liam Corrigan
Musical Director:	Gerry Connolly
Choreographer:	Helen McCann
Stage Manager:	Helena Murphy
Asst. Stage Manager:	Efa Ryan
Back Stage Crew:	Robert Coventry, Rachael Smith, Karen Morrin, Amy O'Shaughnessy, Fiona Doyle
Set Design:	Tom Ronayne & Liam Corrigan
Set Construction & Painting:	Tom Ronayne & Members of the Society
Props:	Michelle Kennedy
Lighting:	Barry Donaldson
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Wardrobe:	Valerie Brady
Makeup & Hair:	Pam O'Connor, Alana McGorry & Sara Smith
Posters Design:	Brendan Phealan
Programme Design:	James Coleman
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Front of House Manager:	Carmel Tubbert
Front of House:	Therese Hughes, Liam Ryan, Fiona Foran, Hilary Curley, Brendan Phealan & Sabina Bonnici



Liam Corrigan - Director

Liam is one of our longest standing members having played a variety of roles - leading man, committee chairman, director and general all rounder! He played a stormer in the last few years as 'Professor Henry Higgins' in *My Fair Lady* winning the AIMS Best Actor for his performance. He played in the two successful one-act plays *Superfuous Hair* and *Look Ma, No Hands* (as Actor and Director), as 'Fagin' in *Oliver!* and as the curmudgeonly old 'Ebeneezer Scrooge' in *Scrooge the Musical* and won an AIMS nomination for best actor for his efforts. Liam directed *Arsenic and Old Lace* for GMDS and his list of theatre credits include: *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* (Prologus), *Move Over Mrs. Markham* (Philip), *The Weir* (Jack), *Gyps and Dolls* (Nathan), *Fiddler on the Roof* (Tevye) and *The Chastitute* (John Bosco McClain).



Gerry Connolly - Musical Director

Gerry began his musical career at the Joan Littlewood Theatre Workshop Stratford (London) in the dark ages (as he puts it himself) His musical experience ranges from recitals of music in the USA to world cruises and from jazz in London nightclubs to tributes to Ella Fitzgerald and Frank Sinatra at the National Concert Hall. Gerry has been musical director for many of our past shows including the very popular *My Fair Lady*, *Oliver!*, *Scrooge the Musical*, *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* and *The Hired Man*.



Helen McCann - Choreographer

Helen played leading roles in shows with numerous Dublin societies for many years. She has been involved with GMDS musicals for the past ten years. Helen has now turned her talents to teaching and has her own stage school in Walkinstown called 'YASS' for children ages 4 - 16. Helen has had a long association with choreography and production for musical societies winning 2 AIMS nominations for GMDS' production of *The Sound of Music* and Tallaght Musical Society's production of *Fiddler on the Roof*. Last year Helen was nominated for the AIMS Best Comedienne award for her role as Widow Corney in *Oliver!* with HXT Musical Society.



Helena Murphy - Stage Manager

This is Helena's seventh year with GMDS, starting out in the chorus for *The Hired Man* in 2005. She has been secretary of the committee and is delighted to be continuing a successful run of productions which she has stage managed including *My Fair Lady* (2010), *Season's Greetings* (2009), *Oliver!* (2008) and *Scrooge the Musical* (2007). She "took a break" to stage manage Rathfarnham Theatre Groups' in 2010 and is happy to be back with Glencullen for the Pajama Game.



The Pajama Game - Cast

Sid Sorokin	Shane Morgan
Catherine "Babe" Williams	Mary-Beth Jennings
Myron "Old Man" Hasler	Michael Cahill
Gladys Hotchkiss	Katie Doyle
Vernon Hines	Peter O'Brien
Prez	Tom Ronayne
Mabel	Ruth Fitzsimon
Mae	Ruth Lalor
Pop	George Ward
Max	Daragh O'Duffy
Charlie	Garrett Grimes
Joe	John McGouran
Brenda	Aoife Fingleton
Poopie	Laura Monks

Chorus, Factory workers, Bosses, Secretaries and other parts:

Caoimhe Nolan, Chris Breathnach, Christopher Bass,

Emma Smith,

John Power,

Marcus Wilson, Michelle Kennedy,

Niamh Rodin,

Roisin Cartwright,

Shona Fagan,

Walter Grainger



Sid Sorokin - Shane Morgan

Shane hails from the picturesque village of Rostrevor in County Down where he began his professional career at the tender age of 13. He gave many solo vocal performances on TV including 'The Late Late Show' on RTE and other shows on BBC and UTV.



Shane studied Drama at De Montfort University in Bedford and his theatre credits include: *Beast* in 'Beauty and the Beast', *Stine* in 'City of Angels', *John Tallentire* in 'The Hired Man', *Malcolm/Marty* in 'The Full Monty', *Balladeer* in 'Assassins', *Brendan Carey* in 'Seagulls Dance', *Prince* in 'Sleeping Beauty', *Jack* in 'Jack and the Beanstalk', *Aladdin* in 'Aladdin', *Pat-John* in 'Celtic Heartbeat' and *Zany* in 'Boogie Nights'.

His film credits include *Guggy* in 'Apollo Music Club', *Suitor* in 'Becoming Jane', *Choreographer* in 'Whatever Love means', *Murray* in 'Mortimer' and *Joyce* in 'Night' and *Michael Randall* in 'Elau' which will be aired on TG4 later this year.

In his earlier career Shane toured Germany and the UK as lead singer of pop boy/girl band 'Red Alert' later to be known as 'Krave', supporting bands such as: *5IVE*, *Atomic Kitten* and *Scotch*.

Shane recently returned home after touring the world onboard Cunard's Queen Victoria Ocean liner, on which he performed as lead Singer/Actor in several production shows.

Gladys Hotchkiss - Katie Doyle

Katie Doyle lives in Ballinreer. Having joined Glencullen Musical and Dramatic Society last year for the first time for *My Fair Lady*, Katie is delighted to be returning to GMDS in the role of Gladys for 'The Pajama Game'. She is no stranger to the limelight. Katie has been trained in Speech & Drama since a young age, completing Guildhall Speech and Drama exams. She has also featured in many press and TV commercials over the years. Katie has also secured a part in the upcoming production *Tarry Flynn* to celebrate the Mill Theatre's 5th birthday.



Catherine "Babe" Williams - Mary-Beth Jennings

This is Mary-Beth's second performance with GMDS after starring as 'Eliza Doolittle' in *My Fair Lady* (2010) for which she was nominated for AIMS Best Actress.

Favourite previous performances to date have included 'Nancy' in *Oliver* with HXT 'The Beggar Woman' in *Sweeney Todd* with Coolmine Musical Society, 'Kate' in *Pirates of Penzance* and 'Piti Sing' in *The Milkado* both with Festival Productions, which won Best International Show The G&S International Festival in Buxton, England, 'Cinderella's Stepmother' in *Into the Woods*, which won best overall show in The Waterford Light Opera Festival, 'Carrie' in *Carousel* for which she was awarded Best Supporting Actress with AIMS, 'Ado Annie' in *Oklahoma* with Festival Productions in the NCH.



Mary Beth is a multiple feiseanna award winner, including the Pearl Alock Trophy for Mezzo-Soprano, Thomas Moore Cup and a double winner of The Denis O'Brien Medal and she has also appeared with Lyric Opera in *Madame Butterfly*, *La Traviata* & *Hansel & Gretel*.

Myron "Old Man" Hasler - Michael Cahill

Mick first joined GMDS in 1979 as a member of the chorus in Oklahoma and had such a good time that he stayed a member for the next 20 years. Last year saw him play Alfred Doolittle in *My Fair Lady*, the previous year he took the role of Dr. Grimwig in *Oliver!* and the year before of Mr. Fezziwig in *Scrooge the Musical*. He has been involved with South Pacific, *Viva Mexico*, *Guys and Dolls*, *Fiddler on the Roof* and others as well as *My Fair Lady* previously. Mick also plays a key role in set and prop construction so is a handy man to have around!



Vernon Hines - Peter O'Brien

Peter joined Glencullen in 1997 when he was part of Fagin's gang in *Oliver!* He grew up and returned as Bill Sykes in 2008. He is the Chairperson of Glencullen and has recently been behind the scenes and on stage in the plays *Noises Off* 'Tim', *Season's Greetings* and *Red Roses* and *Petrol*. Peter's musicals with the society include: *Fiddler on the Roof* 'Eyedka', *Guys and Dolls* 'Benny Southstreet' and *The Hired Man* 'Seth'. Peter also performed in the plays *Habeas Corpus*, *The Beauty Queen of Leenane*, *War, Blood Brothers* and *The Weir*. When not performing Peter is a Scout leader with the 137th Ballylally Scout Group.



Prez - Tom Ronayne

Tom joined Sandyford Little Theatre in the early eighties to play the part of 'Tadhg' in *The Field* and went on to play numerous parts through the eighties and nineties culminating in a 3rd place finish in the All Ireland Drama finals playing 'Arthur' in Dermot Bolgers *The Lament for Arthur Cleary*. Tom has directed numerous productions with GMDS since joining the society in 2001 for *The Beauty Queen of Leenane*. He has directed our last five musicals - *My Fair Lady* (2010), *Oliver!* (2008), *Scrooge the Musical* (2007), *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* (2006) and *The Hired Man* (2005). Tom directed the play *Season's Greetings* (2009) and played the role of 'Enda Doyle' in *Red Roses and Petrol* (2009).



Mabel - Ruth Fitzsimon

Ruth has been acting and singing from an early age. She attended the Betty Ann Norton theatre school throughout primary and secondary school. There she completed Speech and Drama exams with the RIAM and Guildhall School of London, and took to the stage in numerous productions at the John Player Theatre and National Concert Hall.



In her college years in UCD, Ruth was very involved in Dramsoc – acting and directing plays and ultimately becoming the auditor of the society.

Ruth's voice is well known in the parish of Sandyford / Kiltieran / Glencullen where she is in demand as a church singer and regularly leads the congregation in joyful songs!

This is Ruth's second year with GMDS having joined for *My Fair Lady* (2010). She is delighted to be returning this year playing Mabel.

Mae - Ruth Lalor

Ruth started performing at the age of 7 with the Performing Arts School, Digges lane, where she graced the stage in various productions in theatres such as Rupert Guinness, John Player and the Olympia.

In more recent years she appeared in a short movie (Draiocht) for the launch of TG4, played a small part in *Fair City* and two of her original songs were used in an Irish film called "Trouble with Sex" in which she performed both in the film and on the soundtrack.



Ruth has performed in musicals with HXT musical society including *Honk* (2007), *Seussical* (playing part of Yertel the Turtle) (2008), *Oliver* (2009) and *Me & My girl* (2010).

This is Ruth's second year with GMDS having taken part in *My Fair Lady* (2010) and she is delighted to playing the part of Mae this year.

Charlie - Garrett Grimes

Garrett is a member of the society for many years and has performed in a number of plays and musicals including *Calamity Jane*, *Arsenic and Old Lace*, *Scrooge*, *The Chastitude*, *Oliver!* and *My Fair Lady*. He is also on the committee. Garrett is looking forward to another great week at the mill theatre and hopes our audience all have a enjoyable evening.



Max - Daragh O'Duffy

Daragh joined Glencullen Drama Group back in 1997. He has performed in a number of successful musicals including 'Oliver' and 'South Pacific'. He then moved to Australia where he performed at a variety concert in the Sydney Hilton Hotel with an audience of over 1,000 people. Daragh has done some work as a film extra, appearing in the film 'The Boxer' which starred Daniel Day Lewis. With Glencullen in 2008 he played Mr Wither spoon in the play *Arsenic & Old Lace*. Then in 2010 he worked backstage for their play 'Noises Off'. He is looking forward to his return to musicals in this show as Max, the Salesman.



Joe - John McGouran

John joined GMDs in 2006, playing 'Hero' in *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*. Since then John has appeared as 'Father Welch' in *The Lonesome West*, 'Harry' in *Scrooge the Musical*, as 'Mortimer Brewster' in *Arsenic and Old Lace*, 'Mr. Sowerberry' in *Oliver!*, 'Tom' in *Red Roses and Petrol*, and 'Clive' in *Season's Greetings*. When not performing with GMDs, John has appeared as his alter-ego 'Dame Lola' in the annual Causeway Productions Christmas panto at the Tallaght Theatre.



Pop - George Ward

George has been involved with GMDs since 1984 which makes him the longest active member. He has appeared in numerous plays and musicals ... too many to mention here! He has also served on the committee for many years and was Chairman on two separate occasions.



Brenda - Aoife Fingleton

This is Aoife's first year with GMDs. She has previously performed in *Seussical* with HXT and *Pirates of Penzance* with Portlaoise Musical Society. Previous roles include 'Ernestina' in *Hello Dolly* and 'Babette' in *Beauty and the Beast*. Aoife is really enjoying the *Pajama Game* and thanks the cast for being so welcoming. She hopes you enjoy the show!



Poopsie - Laura Monks

Laura has been involved in Speech and Drama from a young age. She performed in *Fiddler on the Roof* as 'Fyedka' while in school. Laura joined Glencullen in 2010 and took part in the musical *My Fair Lady* in the Spring. She then leaped into the role of 'Poppy' the Stage Manager in the play *Nothing On* in the play *Noises Off*.





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Previous plays include: Noises Off, Season's Greetings, Red Roses and Petrol, Arsenic and Old Lace, The Lonesome West, Steel Magnolias, Move Over Mrs. Markham, The Weir, Blood Brothers, War, The Beauty Queen of Leenane, Habebas Corpus, The Importance of Being Earnest, The Odd Couple, Holiday Snap, The Chastitude, It Runs in the Family, A Life, Wedding of the Year, Run For Your Wife, I Do Not Like Thee Dr. Fell, Semi-Private, House of Frankenstein, Hatchet, All the Way Back, Silver Wedding, Tolka Row, The Plough and the Stars, Many Young Men of Twenty, Sive

Previous musicals include: My Fair Lady, Oliver!, Scrooge the Musical, A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum, The Hired Man, Guys and Dolls, The Sound of Music, Fiddler on the Roof, South Pacific, Wizard of Oz, Calamity Jane, Carousel, Oklahoma!, The Desert Song, Viva Mexico, The Merry Widow, La Vie Parisienne.

