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Chairperson’s Address

Welcome to Glencullen Musical and Dramatic Society’s production of *Oliver!*

The production this year has been a real logistical challenge! GMDS has been putting on shows now for 35 years but this is our biggest yet with over 60 people involved on stage – 33 children and 31 adults and that is not counting all the frantic people running around back stage and front of house! It is a great community effort and thanks to everyone for putting in such hard work in over the past few months.

We were also fortunate to receive generous sponsorship from the new **Hamley’s Toy Store** in Dundrum for this production and for this we are really grateful. The costs of staging a musical in a professional theatre complete with live orchestra are mammoth and only seem to grow every year so the support of Hamley’s is much appreciated. We hope that this will be the start of a fruitful and long-standing relationship.

Thanks are also extended to Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council who has supported us with grant-aid in the past and all contributions go towards the Society and putting on the best possible show for our local audience.

While I am in ‘thanking mode’, we rely heavily on the good will and support of our valued patrons, of local businesses, of local organisations, of parents and of the theatre staff. This production would not have been possible without their support and efforts. We would like to send a genuine thank you for your help and contribution to date.

Special thanks to St. Tiernan’s Community School who allow us rehearsal space, to the 137th Balally Scout Group who opened their doors for us on Sundays, giving us much needed additional rehearsal time, to Paul and Olivia Hicks for their help with the set, to Jenny Murphy for her hard work on the costumes, and finally to Fiona Doyle, Shona Ashmore and all the parents for their help with Junior cast members.

Our Production Team are absolutely fantastic and have been working tirelessly for months now. Tom, Helen, Gerry and Helena always do much more than is asked of them. Their talents and exacting standards always ensure a real quality production.

Lastly to my fellow Committee members who are all collapsed in an exhausted heap somewhere! It is a huge amount of work to put on an amateur production on this scale in a few months but everyone put a smile on their face, their shoulder to the wheel and, for all their hard work, effort and good humour, thanks a million.

And so... please sit back and enjoy the fruits of our labour.

With every good seasonal wish!

Hilary Curley
Chairperson



Glencullen Musical and Dramatic Society Committee

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Oliver! – A Synopsis

Oliver Twist is a young boy who lives in a workhouse with other orphans, run by Mr. Bumble and Widow Corney. When Oliver disrupts a meal by asking for more, he is sold to a local undertaker and his family, the Sowerberrys. They treat him harshly, feeding him scraps and forcing him to sleep among their coffins. Their daughter Charlotte and their apprentice Noah Claypole are particularly cruel to him.

Oliver escapes and runs off to Paddington Green, where he quickly befriends another young boy, the Artful Dodger. Dodger takes him to his home, which is a hide-out for young orphans, learning to be thieves and pick-pockets. It is run by a kind, yet slightly sinister, old gentleman named Fagin. Oliver is also introduced to Nancy, a hardened but kind young woman, and Bet, Nancy's best friend, both of whom have grown up on the streets. When Oliver goes on his first pick-pocketing job, he is caught by the police. The man that Oliver stole from, Mr. Brownlow, learns of Oliver's sad past and takes pity on the boy. He brings him to his own home to look after him.

Meanwhile, Nancy's boyfriend (the villainous Bill Sykes) worries that Oliver will tell Mr. Brownlow and the police where the thieves live. He forces Nancy and Bet to snatch Oliver from Mr. Brownlow's house and take him back to Fagin's den. Nancy does everything Bill Sykes tells her to but realises that Oliver's life is in danger as long as he stays with the thieves. She contacts Mr. Brownlow, who in the meantime has found out that Oliver is the son of his long-lost daughter.

Nancy plots to secretly take Oliver back to Mr. Brownlow but before she can do so, Bill finds out of her plans, and murders her. He then goes after Oliver, but is shot and killed. Oliver finds out that Mr. Brownlow is his grandfather and together they safely return home. Fagin has lost everything – his orphans, his home and his money and ends the show by reviewing his own situation.

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OLIVER



Production Team

Director:	Tom Ronayne
Musical Director:	Gerry Connolly
Choreographer:	Helen McCann
Stage Manager:	Helena Murphy
Asst Stage Manager:	Jenny Murphy
Back Stage Crew:	Members of the Society
Set Design:	Tom Ronayne
Set Construction:	Tom Ronayne, Nick Ashmore, Ronnie Hamilton, Mick Cahill, Colm Mac Ghiolla Phádraig, Liam Corrigan and others.
Props:	Ronnie Hamilton, Hilary Curley and Honor Hayes
Lighting:	Peter Canning, Gary Hurley and Cormac Murphy
Sound:	Frank Doherty
Wardrobe:	Jenny Murphy
Make-up and Hair:	Trisha Ahearne, Lorraine Sorohan
Poster and Programme Design:	Brendan Phelan
Photography:	Brendan Phelan and John Power
Front of House (for GMDS):	Therese Hughes, Deirdre O'Sullivan; Lilio McGuinness; Michelle McGuinness and other members of the society.

Musical Numbers

Act 1

1. Overture and Opening Scene	Orchestra
2. Food, Glorious Food	Oliver, Junior Chorus
3. Oliver	Mr. Bumble, Widow Corney, Junior Chorus
4. I Shall Scream	Widow Corney, Mr. Bumble
5. Boy For Sale	Mr. Bumble
6. That's Your Funeral	Mr. and Mrs. Sowerberry, Mr. Bumble
7. Where is Love	Oliver
8. Consider Yourself	Artful Dodger, Oliver, Company
9. Pick a Pocket or Two	Fagin, Junior Chorus
10. It's a Fine Life	Nancy, Bet, Junior Chorus
11. I'd Do Anything	Artful Dodger, Nancy, Oliver, Bet, Fagin, Junior Chorus
15. Be Back Soon	Fagin, Artful Dodger, Junior Chorus

Act 2

16. Oom-Pah-Pah	Nancy, Company
17. My Name	Bill Sykes
18. As Long As He Needs Me	Nancy
19. Reprise "Where is Love"	Mrs. Bedwin
20. Who Will Buy	Oliver, Street Sellers and Chorus
21. Reviewing the Situation	Fagin
22. Reprise 'Oliver'	Widow Corney, Mr. Bumble
23. Reprise 'As Long As He Needs Me'	Nancy
24. Reprise 'Reviewing the Situation'	Fagin

The Cast

(in order of appearance)

Oliver Twist	Liam McEvoy
Mr. Bumble	Rex Robinson
Widow Corney	Carmel Tubbert
Mr. Sowerberry	John McGauran
Mrs. Sowerberry	Deirdre McCabe
Noah Claypole	Ciaran Ryan
Charlotte	Shona Fagan
Artful Dodger	Jack Quigley
Fagin	Liam Corrigan
Charley Bates	Christopher Bass
Nancy	Aoife King
Bet	Stephanie Ruane
Bill Sykes	Peter O'Brien
Mrs. Bedwin	Louise McMahon
Street Sellers	Nicola Ryan; Aoife Byrne; Fiona Doyle; Chris Breathnach; John Paul Byrne.
Mr. Brownlow	George Ward
Dr. Grimwig	Mick Cahill
Old Sally	Caoimhe Nolan
Old Lady	Fiona Doherty
Bow Street Runners	Garrett Grimes, Ronnie Hamilton.

Adult Chorus:

Valerie Brady, Chris Breathnach, Aoife Byrne, John Paul Byrne, Mick Cahill, James Coleman, Fiona Doherty, Fiona Doyle, Karl Gieran, Garrett Grimes, Ronnie Hamilton, Tom Kinsley, Brendan Maloney, Lisa Maloney, Deirdre McCabe, John McGauran, Louise McMahon, Caoimhe Nolan, John Power, Niamh Rodin, Stephanie Ruane, Ciarán Ryan, Liam Ryan, Emma Smith,; Francesca Torreggiani, Carmel Tubbert.

Junior Chorus:

Christopher Bass, Aoife Brady, Daire Coleman, Shona Fagan, Sabrina Farrelly, Caroline Greene, Shauna Griffith, Amy Grimes, Jennifer Heckmann, David Breathnach Kerins, Amy Lambert, Sarah Lavelle, Caoimhe Leahy, Adam Letmon, Kerri Letmon, Ryan Letmon, Sean Letmon, Alan London, Liam London, Hazel McCabe, Eva McHugh, Conor O'Boyle, Anna O'Duffy, Evonne O'Farrell, Eimear Nic Giolla Phádraig, Niamh Nic Giolla Phádraig, Chloe Rodin, Méabh Ryan, Nicola Ryan, Sinead Ryan, Ciara Wallace,

Dancers:

Valerie Brady, Fiona Doherty, Lisa Maloney, Deirdre McCabe, Caoimhe Nolan, Niamh Rodin, Stephanie Ruane, Emma Smith.

Tom Ronayne – Director

Tom has directed numerous productions with GMDS since joining the society in 2001 for *The Beauty Queen of Leenane*. He has directed our last three musicals - *Scrooge the Musical* (2007), *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* (2006) and *The Hired Man* (2005). Tom is himself an accomplished actor and played the role of 'Dr. Einstein' in GMDS' production of *Arsenic and Old Lace* earlier this year. He has also been involved with many of the Sandyford Little Theatre Group productions over the years. And as if that wasn't enough, Tom also is a talented set designer and builder and we are very fortunate to have him within our ranks.



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, 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 *Scrooge the Musical*, *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* as well as *The Hired Man*.



Helen McCann - Choreographer

Helen played leading roles in shows with numerous Dublin musical societies for many years. She has now turned her talents to teaching and has her own stage school in Walkinstown called 'YASS' for children aged between 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*. Helen has been involved with GMDS musicals for the past eight years.



Helena Murphy – Stage Manager

This is Helena's fifth year with the society and she is the current Committee Secretary. Since taking part in the chorus for the 2005 production of *The Hired Man*, she has mainly taken a backstage role, assisting with props, costumes and make-up. She returns to the role of Stage Manager after last year's spectacular performance of *Scrooge The Musical* and hopes she can maintain the high standard of production that is expected from Glencullen with *Oliver!* this year!



Oliver – Liam McEvoy

This is Liam's first lead role in a stage production and at only nine years of age, we think he is fantastic! Liam is a pupil of Gaelscoil Chnoc Liamhna and also attends the Kathryn Coffey School of Dramatic Arts and Spectacular Stage School. He has some experience in TV playing a part in the RTE drama series *Hide and Seek* alongside his two brothers as well as playing a small part in the BBC Action Drama *Murphy's Law*. This is Liam's first venture into a professional theatre and was delighted to get the part of Oliver.



Mr. Bumble – Rex Robinson

Rex joined GMDS for our first production of *Oliver!* way back when! Since then, he has played various lead roles in *The Wizard of Oz* (the Lion), *South Pacific* (Capt. Buzz Adams), *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* (Miles Gloriosus), and more recently in *Scrooge The Musical* (Jacob Marley).



Widow Corney – Carmel Tubbert

Carmel is a long standing member of GMDS. She has performed in many musicals and plays taking both lead and supporting roles including *The Sound of Music* (Reverend Mother), *Calamity Jane* (Calamity), *The Hired Man* (Sally) and M'Lynn in *Steel Magnolias* which was the Society's first production in the Mill Theatre. She also played Mrs. Cratchit in last year's staging of *Scrooge the Musical*. Her most recent performance was as Martha Brewster in GMDS' *Arsenic and Old Lace* last April. She is delighted to be back again in this well-loved classic.



Mr. Sowerberry – 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 Welsh' in *The Lonesome West*, 'Harry' in *Scrooge the Musical*, and earlier this year as 'Mortimer Brewster' in *Arsenic and Old Lace*.



Mrs. Sowerberry – Deirdre McCabe

Deirdre has been acting and singing since the age of 12. Since joining GMDS in 1996 she has had many roles both on stage and on the committee where she served as Chairperson for five years. Deirdre won the National AIMS Award for Best Actress in 2005 for her performance of 'Emily' in *The Hired Man* and has numerous other theatre credits to her name include: *The Weir* (Valerie); *The Beauty Queen of Leenane* (Maureen); *Fiddler on the Roof* (Tzeitel); *The Sound of Music* (Maria) and many others.



Noah Claypole – Ciaran Ryan

Ciaran (aged 16) has been involved in music and drama since eight years old. He attends I.T.W. theatre school and agency while also attending singing classes. Ciaran has been involved with many GMDS productions to date including *The Sound of Music* where he played the part of 'Kurt', and *Fiddler on the Roof*. This year he is involved in *A Christmas Carol* with Festival Productions in the National Concert Hall and *Singing in the Rain* playing R.F. Simpson.



Charlotte – Shona Fagan

Shona (aged 14) has been involved in music and drama since the age of five. She attends Our Lady's Grove Secondary School and is also a member of their school choir. Shona takes part in Act III Stage School plays every year, also staged in the Mill Theatre and is assisted ably in her acting endeavours by her acting teacher Croine Flaherty. This is Shona's second GMDS production to date.



Dodger – Jack Quigley

This is Jack's first big show but we are sure it won't be his last. Jack is aged 12 and is a first year pupil in St. Michael's College. Jack has been singing in his school choir and school concerns for many years now and has appeared in *Mulan* in the Pavilion theatre in Dun Laoghaire.



Fagin – Liam Corrigan

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 last year as the cumudgely old Ebenezer Scrooge in *Scrooge the Musical* and won an AIMS nomination for best actor for his efforts. The list of theatre credits are too long to reel off here but include: *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* (Prologus); *Move Over Mrs. Markham* (Philip); *The Weir* (Jack); *Guys and Dolls* (Nathan); *Fiddler on the Roof* (Tevye) and *The Chastitute* (John Bosco McClain) for which he won Best Actor at the Cavan Drama Festival.



Nancy – Aoife King

This is Aoife's first show with GMDS. Aoife is a past pupil of the Gaiety School of Acting and has also done a lot of back up singing for gigs around Dublin, on FM 104 and on Openhouse. Earlier this year, she played the role of 'Francis' in *Stags and Hens*. Aoife is also involved with the drama group, *La Touche Players*.



Bet – Stephanie Ruane

Stephanie is 16 and a 5th year student in St. Raphaela's Secondary School, Stillorgan. Alongside 'normal school', Stephanie is currently attending acting youth theatre classes in the Gaiety School of Acting. She has previously performed as 'Calamity Jane' in the musical of the same name, in St. Benildus College, Stillorgan as well as in *Oklahoma – the Musical Showcase*, part of a musical theatre course in the Independent-Theatre-Workshop, Ranelagh.



Bill Sykes – Peter O'Brien

This is Peter's first time on stage for nearly four years. His first show with Glencullen was in 1997 when he was part of Fagin's Gang in *Oliver!* His musicals with the society include: *Fiddler on the Roof* (Fyedka), *Guys and Dolls* (Benny Southstreet) and *The Hired Man* (Seth). Peter has also performed in a number of plays including *Habeas Corpus* (Mr. Props), *The Beauty Queen of Leenane* (Ray), *War* (Gary), *Blood Brothers* (Eddie) and *The Weir* (Brendan). When not performing Peter is a Scout Leader with the 137th Balally Scout Group.



Mrs. Bedwin – Louise MacMahon

Louise is a primary school teacher in Dun Laoghaire and this is her first production with GMDS. Last year, she played the Narrator in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* with the Youth Choir group from St Josephs in Glashule. Every Sunday finds Louise singing in St. Josephs Church which she absolutely loves. She says she is delighted to be playing Mrs Bedwin in this production of *Oliver!*



Mr. Brownlow – 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.

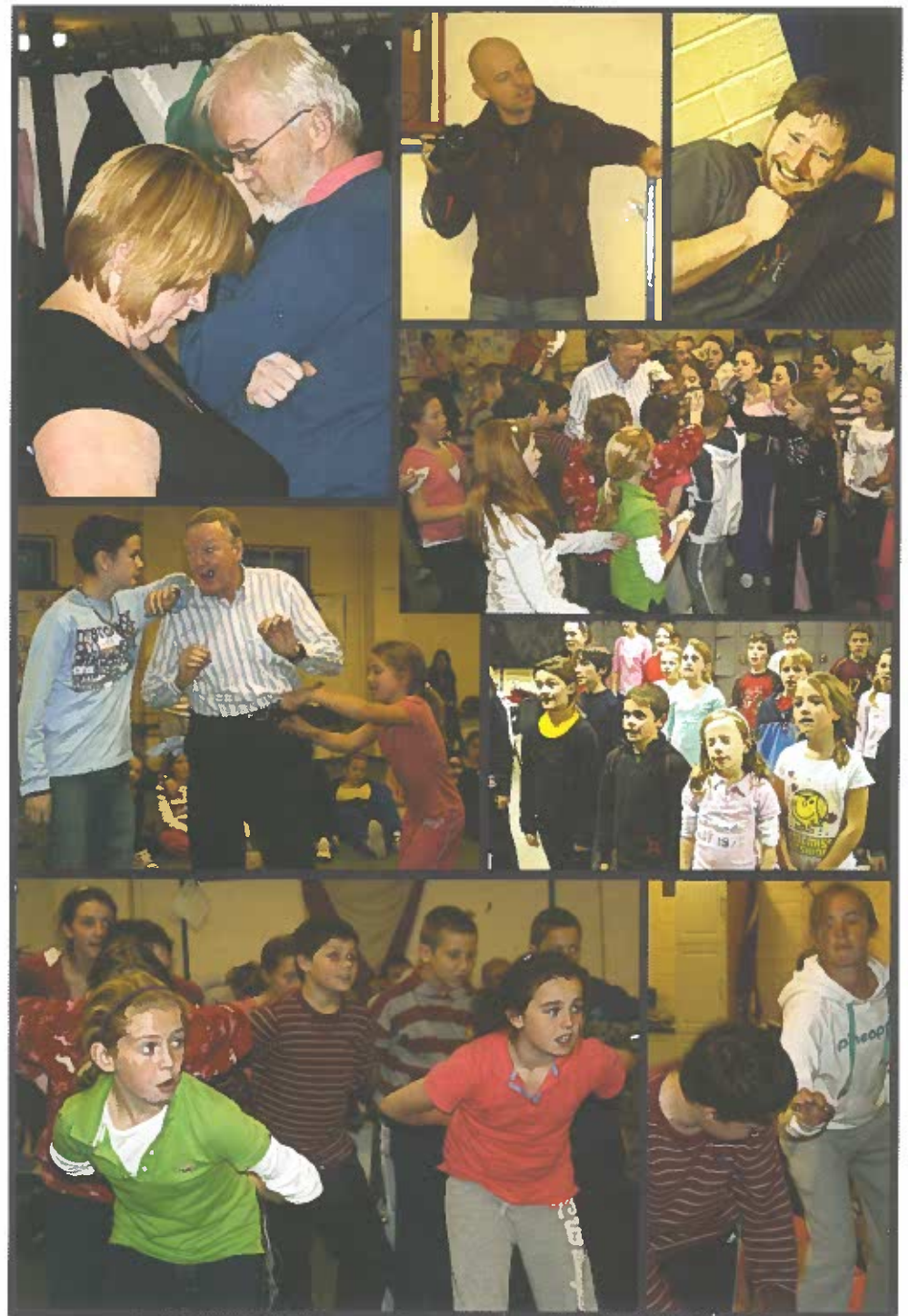


Dr. Grimwig – Mick Cahill

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. He left us for a while but thankfully has come back. Last year saw him take the role of Mr. Fezziwig in *Scrooge the Musical* and has also been involved with *South Pacific*, *Viva Mexico*, *Guys and Dolls*, *My Fair Lady*, and *Fiddler on the Roof*, among others. Mick also plays a key role in set and prop construction so is a handy man to have around!









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We would like to take this opportunity to extend our sympathies to the family of Seamus Brennan T.D. who passed away earlier this year. Seamus was a valued patron of the society and his loss is felt throughout the community.

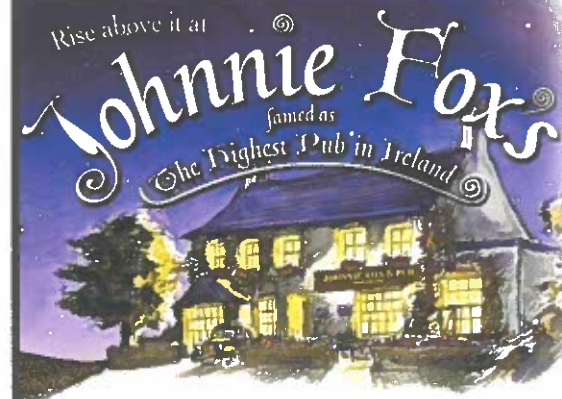
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