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A word from our Chairman

Ladies, Gentlemen and Children,

On behalf of our cast, crew and committee it is my great pleasure to extend a very warm welcome to you this evening as we open our twenty-sixth season with our production of **The Wizard of Oz**!

We are delighted to once again welcome a large number of children to our cast, all of whom live and attend schools in the local area. They were all with us last year for *Oliver* and once again, a very special thanks goes out to Mums, Dads, families and friends for their help and patience over recent weeks.

The last year has been a tremendous one for us in Glencullen Musical and Dramatic Society as we continue to conquer new challenges and go from strength to strength.

Many of you will have joined us last April for our hugely successful sell-out production of *Oliver* here in St. Tiernan's. Following this, we travelled to New Ross to take part, for the first time, in the AIMS Choral Festival in which we did extremely well and achieved very high marks. Last November we took John B. Keane's wonderful comedy drama 'The Chastitute' to our new venue in The Kilternan Golf and Country Club Hotel where we performed it to packed houses for a week. Such was the terrific response to 'The Chastitute' that we were approached to bring it to The Cavan Drama Festival, our first time to take a play onto the festival circuit. We set off to Cavan just last month and to our delight and tremendous pride Liam Corrigan won Best Actor award and we came third place in our category.

The people you see on stage tonight are all local talent and we are enormously proud of the fact that, once again, we have cast the show from within our society, something which has always been very important to us. An enormous thank you goes out to everyone involved in putting tonight's show together - our Producer Tommy, Musical Director and Chorus Master Greg, Choreographer Jane, our great cast and crew, our marvellous committee, patrons, sponsors, advertisers helpers and friends and all the other many people who, in different ways, helped us to get here tonight.

Finally my thanks to you, our audience, for supporting us throughout the years and being here once again tonight. Please sit back, relax and enjoy!

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The making of the film version of **Wizard** was beset by problems. The producers originally wanted Shirley Temple for the lead role as she was a big box office draw, but Fox Studios refused to loan her to MGM. The part was given to Judy Garland who was then 16. It was her 7th feature film. The actor cast as the Tin Man became allergic to his aluminium suit and had to be dropped. Margaret Hamilton (**Wicked Witch**) was seriously burned in a puff of smoke and no fewer than four Directors were used throughout the making of the (then) most expensive film in history.

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*To Garrett (George) As usual, it was great fun again this year, Good Job. Who's Who In the Cast
Leona/Dorothy*

Leona McEvoy (Dorothy)

Leona joined us last year for Oliver and since then she has been part of the choral group that went to New Ross and played the part of Heather in 'The Chastitude'. This is Leona's first leading role in a musical, however she is no stranger to singing and is a full time member of the Choir in White Friar Street Church.

Liam Corrigan (Scarecrow)

Liam is a very familiar face to our audiences and his list of roles to date include Lazer Wolf in Fiddler, Jud Fry in Oklahoma, Wild Bill Hickock in Calamity Jane, Henry Higgins in My Fair Lady and was a totally convincing Fagin in last year's Oliver. Liam is also well known for his excellent acting talent and some of his characters have been Stanley in Run for your Wife, Frank in Wedding of the Year, Dessie Drum in A Life and Dr. Mortimore in the hilarious comedy It Runs in the Family. However, Liam's proudest moment was just last month when he won Best Actor in The Cavan Drama Festival for his unforgettable performance as John Bosco McClaine in The Chastitude.

Rex Robinson (Lion)

Rex joined us last year to play Dr. Grogg in Oliver and he enjoyed it so much that he is back for more. This year he has taken on a larger role and we are delighted to have him with us again, hopefully this will be the first of many for Rex.

James O'Reilly (Tin Man)

James' debut role with us was in 'The Chastitude' last November where he was a very frightening Missionary. We then discovered that James could not only act but has a very rich singing voice which you will be treated to tonight. James is also with the Balally Players where he has starred in many productions.



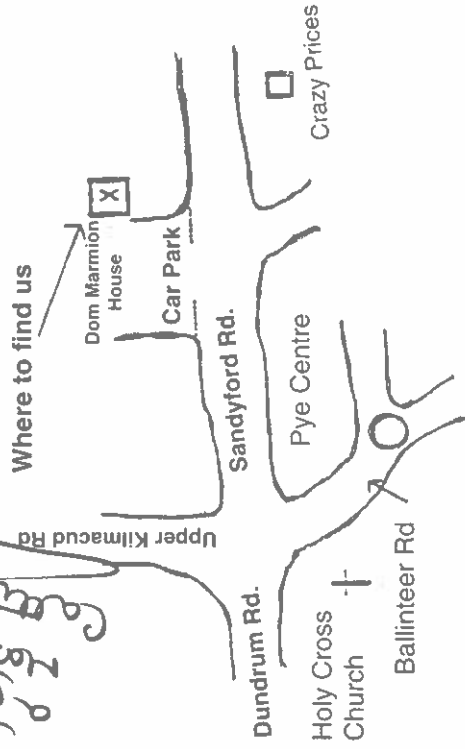
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Dear Garrett,
You took the
kick up the arse
tomorrow. However
it'll
be "up the Arsenal"

love Jennifer
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*Well done Garrett from the
Production Team*

Tommy Ebbs (Producer)

Tommy is very well known and popular in the world of musicals and has won several awards for both acting and producing. Tommy has directed us in the past in The Desert Song, Guys and Dolls and in last years sell-out success Oliver. Once again Tommy has expertly directed us over the past months through to tonight's performance and we look forward to working with him again.

Just well done my Dr. Guy

Greg Currid (Musical Director and Chorus Master)

Greg has been with us for many years and has conducted us through such musical triumphs as Oklahoma, Fiddler, Carousel, My Fair Lady, Calamity Jane where he also took on the role of Producer and last year in Oliver. Greg was instrumental in us entering the New Ross Choral Festival last year and we hope to be back again in May this year.

Jane Ryan (Choreographer)

Jane has got to be the bravest member of the team taking on teaching us to perform imaginative dance routines, however she not only succeeds but does it with great patience. She has seen us through Carousel, My Fair Lady, Calamity Jane and Oliver and tonight's Wizard of Oz has to be her greatest challenge yet!

Ray Cobbin (Lighting)

Lighting has always been one of Ray's big loves and he has been "lighting up people's lives" ...and sets... as a hobby since 1973! Ray is kept constantly busy with fashion shows, functions and has worked with most of Dublins Musical Societies. In 1988 he won an AIMS award for Best Lighting. Ray joined us last year for Oliver and we have not let him go since! He lit us up for The Chastitute both during our sell-out run last November and last month in Cavan for the Drama Festival. He has become a valuable member of the team and we know you'll enjoy his spectacular lighting tonight.



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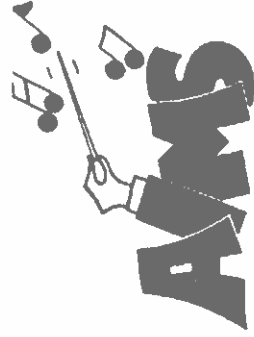
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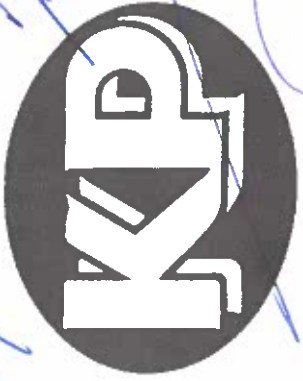
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- Scarecrow Liam Corrigan
- Tin Man James O'Reilly
- Lion Rex Robinson
- Wizard of Oz Brian Brothwood
- Aunt Em Nuala Kirby
- Uncle Henry Michael Cahill
- Farmhand Joe Stephen Crampton
- Wicked Witch Margaret Ryan
- Sorceress of the North Jenni Hopkins
- Lord Growlie Eamonn Murphy
- Tibia Bernard Doyle
- Gloria Ann Keogh
- Oz Lady Pamela Moorkens
- Court Attendant Garret Grimes
- Ozmas Jackie Byrne
- Private Les Vickers
- Visiting Witches Deirdre Somers
- and Nuala Kirby

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Well Done Old Budds! Here's to the next one Boud.

And the Production Team..



- Producer Tommy Ebbs
- Musical Director Greg Currid
- Choreographer Jane Ryan
- Set Construction Gerry McKnight
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To my Garrett of the corridor!

Eamon Murphy to Linnell

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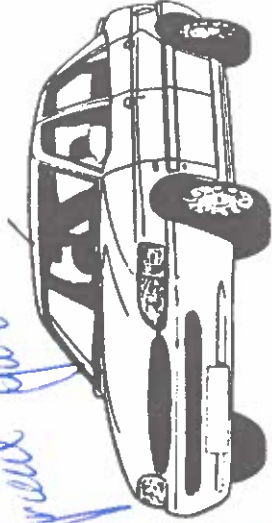
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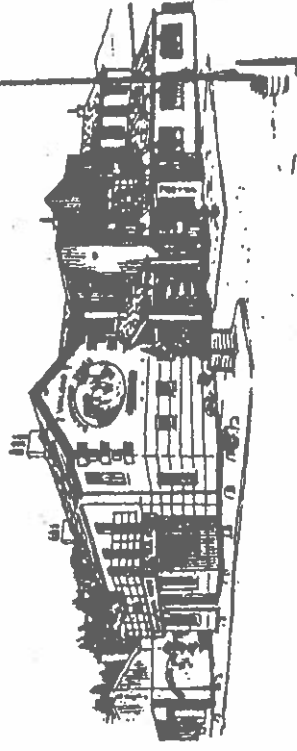
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Deirdre joined our society in 1996 to star as Katie Browne in Calamity Jane. She enjoyed it so much she became a full time member and was part of our choral group in New Ross (Julian)

Margaret Ryan (Wicked Witch of West)

Margaret needs no introduction to our regular audience members. She has had leading roles in our musicals such as Laurie in Oklahoma and Nellie in South Pacific, Fruma Sarah in Fiddler, and Calamity Jane for which she was nominated for an AIMS award for Best Actress in 1986. Her role as Eliza Doolittle in My Fair Lady had people both crying and laughing. Margaret also gets to sit on the Director's chair for our annual play which have always been very successful.



The Visiting Witches left and right Deirdre Somers, Nuala Kirby and centre Margaret Ryan the Wicked Witch of the West

Nuala Kirby (Visiting Witch)

Nuala joined us in 1993 as a member of the chorus of Oklahoma and has gone from strength to strength. Nuala has performed such roles as Mrs. Enysford-Hill in My Fair Lady, Mrs. Sowerberry in Oliver, Peggy in Wedding of the Year, Dolly in A Life, Mrs. Mortimore in the smash hit comedy It Runs in The Family and most recently as Mrs. Kiscock in The Chastitute.

Jenni Hopkins (Sauceress of the North)

Jenni joined our chorus of Oklahoma in 1993 and has not looked back since. Her first substantial role was as Susan in Calamity Jane and last year she went on to delight our audience as Bet in Oliver. Jenni has also been a valued member of our back stage crew and helped with many of our plays and last year she played the part of Juleen McCoon in The Chastitute.





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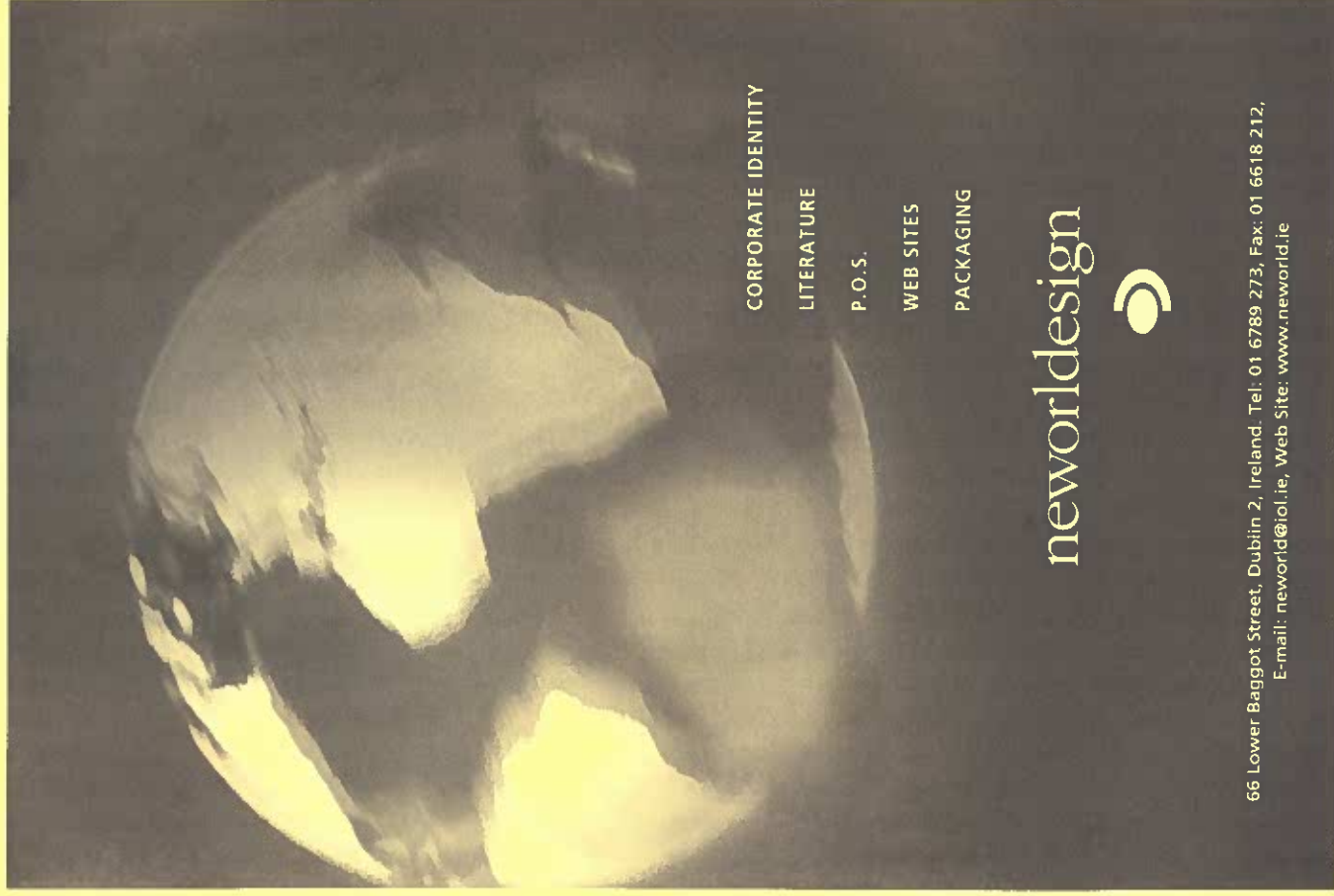
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