

A musical fable of Broadway based on a story and characters of Damon Runyon

Music and lyrics by Frank Loesser Book by Jo Sperling and Abe Burrows

Tuesday 7th – Saturday 11th October 2003



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Sallie Williams, Producer

Sallie's love of the theatre began at the age of five when she played Gerda in 'The Snow Queen'. Training at The Central School of Speech and Drama was followed by her first professional engagement in Marghanita Laski's 'Off Shore Island' and a tour of East Germany. Sallie has pursued a varied career in teaching, lecturing, acting and directing. Touring shows have included 'Steel Magnolias' and 'The Fifteen Streets'. Her last role was as the Good Fairy in 'Snow White' at the Poole Theatre with Lynda Baron. Sallie is now delighted to be involved in this production of Guys and Dolls.

Derek Beck, Musical Director

Originally from the North West, Derek read music at Durham and, as a Rotary International Fellow, studied conducting at the University of Washington, U.S.A. He taught on Merseyside, the Isle of Wight and latterly at Peter Symonds College in Winchester as well as being a music tutor for the Open University. He conducts several choral groups including Romsey Abbey concerts for the Winchester and County Music Festival and is director of music at St. Cross Hospital in the city. Derek has been M.D. for several WOS productions including 'Hello Dolly', 'Dick Whittington', 'Carmen','HMS Pinafore', 'Die Fledermaus' and 'Ruddigore'.

Sonia Carver, Choreographer

Sonia has lectured in Drama and Dance for many years and assisted countless local groups with historical dance and choreography. The unique challenge of the Society has a special appeal for her as members are undaunted by the physical demands of music theatre and are game for anything from hornpipes to flamenco. Now it's all Broadway—Hot Box Girls, Havana and crapshooters and, once again, all vigour and enthusiasm will be in high demand. Prepare yourselves.

Synopsis

We are in New York in the 1950's, gambling is rife and The Salvation Army is battling to save the souls of those around them. One enlightened Salvationist, Sergeant Sarah Brown is fighting to justify the existence of her mission on Broadway by attracting more sinners.

The highest rolling gambler of them all, Sky Masterson, arrives in town to take part in the oldest permanent floating crap game run by his old mate Nathan Detroit. Nathan is having trouble finding a venue for the game and resorts to challenging Sky to a bet to raise some cash. The bet is that Sky cannot take a doll of Nathan's choice on a date. His choice is Sarah. Sky succeeds in persuading Sarah to go on a date in Havana where they fall in love. Alas, on their return there is a misunderstanding and Sarah rejects Sky

Back in New York, Nathan is in trouble when Adelaide, his fiancée of 14 years discovers the planned game on the very night that they were planning to elope. She is desperate to marry him but proclaims that she never wants to see him again.

Sarah is still in love with Sky though she won't admit it. Her grandfather, Arvide, sets her straight about that. But with the crap game still going on Sky has to move fast to make good his pledge to Sarah.



Guys and Dolls





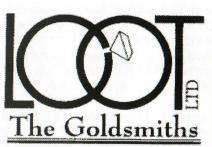
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Message from our President, Richard Steel

Although 'Guys and Dolls' eventually became the fifth longest running Broadway musical of the Fifties, it was a long and tortuous road getting it to the stage at all. After inviting Frank Loesser to become the composer and lyricist the producer tried no less than 11 librettists before bringing the show to the stage. 'Guys and Dolls' revolves around Nathan Detroit who bets fellow gambler Sky Masterson that he can't make the next girl he sees fall in love with him. The next girl just happens to be Miss Sarah Brown, a Salvationist reformer. The rest, as they say, is history.

The Operatic Society celebrates 90 years this year - a remarkable record of bringing music to Winchester. Over those years such names as Sir Malcolm Sargent and George Dyson have been associated with the Society. May it continue to go from strength to strength in this lovely old theatre. Our first show was Pirates of Penzance as, coincidentally, is our next show. If you would like to join us, do come to the record evening on 22nd October. There is an exhibition of archives in the foyer covering the ninety years . Do have a look at it , enjoy the evening and tell your friends!

Cast

Nicely-Nicely Johnson
Benny Southstreet
Rusty Charley
Sarah Brown
Arvide Abernethy
Harry the Horse
Lieutenant Brannigan
Nathan Detroit
Miss Adelaide
Sky Masterson
General Cartwright
Big Jule
Martha
Mimi
Master of Ceremonies, Drunk

Max Bullough
Chris Read
Rick Bremner
Helen O'Sullivan
Clive Hilton
Hamish McDonald
James Larcombe
Graham Light
Suzanne Hall
Daniel Hickson
Jan Gwynne-Howell
Stephen Godfrey
Grace Honeysett
Penny Bullough
Dave Rowe

Crapshooters

Bob Jones, Martin Larcombe, Alan Matheson, Colin Paice, Dave Rowe, Colin Thomas

Hot Box Dancers

Penny Bullough, Anne McDonald, Katie Moffitt, Caroline Young

Mission Band and Havana Team

Sue Aiken, Clare Britton, Anne Croudass, Jill Fitzpatrick, Lizzie Gilbert, Talia Hedström, Louise Hodson, Richard Honeysett, Linda Howard, Mary Jackson, Pam Jones, Nicola Moore, Jessica Pearce, Barbara Teitz, Nathalie Walker, Heather Williamson

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Musical Numbers

ACT 1

Fugue for Tinhorns Nicely-Nicely, Benny, Rusty Follow the Fold Mission Band The Oldest Established Nathan, Nicely-Nicely and Crapshooters I'll Know Sarah and Sky A Bushel and a Peck Miss Adelaide and the Hot Box Dolls Adelaide's Lament Miss Adelaide Guys and Dolls Nicely and Benny If I Were a Bell Sarah My Time of Day Sky I've Never Been in Love Before Sky and Sarah

ACT 2

Take Back Your Mink Adelaide's Second Lament More I Cannot Wish You Luck Be a Lady Sue Me Sit Down, You're Rocking the Boat Marry the Man Today Guys and Dolls Miss Adelaide and the Hot Box Dolls Miss Adelaide Arvide Sky and Crapshooters Miss Adelaide and Nathan Nicely, Crapshooters, Mission Band Miss Adelaide and Sarah

Ensemble

There will be a twenty minute interval between Acts 1 & 2

Our Next Production

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Tim Stanbrook

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Photography Martin Farrow

Orchestra

Violin 1 Tessa Welford Violin 2 Gideon Baker Double Bass Geoff Russell Reed 1 David Anderson Reed 2 Mandy Moffat Reed 3 Ann Clausen Trumpet 1 Shaun Moffat Trumpet 2 Roger Hammond **Trombone** Roger Longcroft Percussion Mark Davis Keyboard Christine Webster

Guys and Dolls

Dan Hickson

Dan joined WOS in 1999 having previously played trumpet for 22 years. He most recently played Richard Dauntless in 'Ruddigore'. He sings with Southern Eclectic and has performed oratorio solos

My first show with WOS was Pirates of Penzance. This is my thirteenth show since 1992, mostly in the chorus, with solo parts being The Mikado, Dick Deadeve (HMS Pinafore) and Frank the Prison

Max Bullough

Governor in Die Fledermaus.

Rick Bremner

Over many years, Max has performed lead roles and directed twice. He loves opera and operetta and always said he would not "do a show", but when he heard that the part of Nicely-Nicely Johnson called for a fat, big voiced tenor who can do an American accent he knew it was fate. Two out of three couldn't just be coincidence; which is the one that's beyond him you will witness for yourself!

Stephen Godfrey

Stephen joined the society 3 years ago. The excitement of taking the part of Big Jule was tinged with a certain degree of disappointment when he discovered that the part did not require him to wear a dress on stage.

Jan Gwynne-Howell

Jan has been a member of WOS for 15 years having first followed her children onto the stage in Hartley Wintney. She has played a variety of parts including a duchess, a fairy, a Jewish matchmaker, a goddess and now a general. Whatever next!

Suzanne Hall

This is Suzanne's first show with the adult section of WOS, having worked as choreographer with ENCORE Youth Theatre for their last three shows including the award winning 'Hot Mikado'. She has done many shows with Winchester Musicals Company. She is a farmer's wife and has two sons.

Clive Hilton

This is Clive's 30th appearance with WOS, most recently playing Sir Despard in 'Ruddigor'e. Clive has also sung with Hillside Opera and Opera Comique. He currently sings with local vocal ensemble groups Southern Eclectic and Ceciliana and is a quest soloist with several choral societies.

Stainer's Crucifixion. James Larcombe

No stranger to the boards as he has played Sky Masterson in his youth and other leading roles in 'The Pyiama Game', 'Anything Goes' and 'Trial by Jury'. Teaches psychology at Peter Symonds College. Enjoys hockey, golf and tennis.

including Britten's St Nicholas, Handel's Messiah and

Graham Light

Graham has been a member of WOS for 14 years. which, ironically, is the length of time that Nathan has been engaged to Adelaide. His first principal role was as Harrison Howell in 'Kiss Me Kate' (strange, another engaged American!). Most recently he was Robin Oakapple in 'Ruddigore'.

Hamish McDonald

Hamish joined WOS in 1995. Over the years, he has played many roles in a wide range of productions from Music Hall to "The Mikado". He says that the part of Luther Billis in "South Pacific" was a particular favourite. The part of pantomime dame is a familiar role, which he has played many times. When asked how he managed to get the part of Harry the Horse. he replied, "No competition!".

Helen O'Sullivan

Helen has been performing since the age of 7. She has also directed several times including 'The Sorcerer' at the Minack Theatre in Cornwall. This is Helen's fourth show with the society and she played Sally in 'Me and My Girl' and Zorah in 'Ruddigore'.

Chris Read

Chris made his debut for the society playing the role of Lord Tolloller in the 1987 production of 'lolanthe'. Since then he has appeared in a number of shows. most recently the millennium production of 'Carmen' and has also sung with several local choirs.



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In Memoriam

Very sadly, two of our long serving members, Reg Reed and David Cobbold, and former Musical Director, Brian Longthorne, died this year.

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