



WELCOME TO WOW! www.wow.org.uk

WOW was formed in 1995 as a feeder group for the **Witham Amateur Operatic Society**. Our aim is to help young people develop their own natural artistic abilities and build their self-confidence through performing in musical theatre and to provide good quality entertainment for local people. We stage a musical show in Witham Public Hall in February each year and host Summer Schools in August. **WOW** is led by a committee of volunteers comprising of members of **WAOS**, former **WOW** members and parents of **WOW** members. We employ a Director and Musical Director for each production. Eligibility is for all young people who will be 11 to 21 years old at the time of the production in February 2022.

Pre auditions for the forthcoming production – *GUYS AND DOLLS* - are on Monday and Thursday evenings the 6th, 9th, 13th and 16th September (7.30 –9.30) at Spring Lodge Community Centre, Witham.

Auditions will take place on Sunday 19th September from 10am at Spring Lodge Community Centre, Witham. For those who are unable to attend the main auditions, there will be early auditions at the end of the pre-audition workshop on Thursday 16th September at 9pm at Spring Lodge.

Before auditioning.... It is essential that you check you will be available for show week and the Technical and Dress Rehearsal/s and that you read and understand the requirements for the production.

SHOW DATES: Monday 14th – Saturday 19th February 2022.

Matinee performance: Saturday 19th February.

Technical Rehearsal: Saturday 12th February, usually from about 6.00pm.

Dress Rehearsals: Sunday 13th February about 2.00pm **AND** 6.00pm.

The cast is usually required to attend the Dress Rehearsal from about 12.00 pm or possibly earlier at the discretion of the Director/Musical Director. Any questions contact Steve at wow.steverogers@gmail.com

Twice-weekly Rehearsals.....We rehearse twice a week (Monday and Thursday). Rehearsals will take place at **Spring Lodge Community Centre, Powers Hall End and the Public Hall**. These rehearsals begin at 7.30 pm and end at 9.30 pm. Occasionally we may ask members to rehearse until 10.00 pm when we are getting close to show week and there will also be some Sunday rehearsals, the dates of which are detailed on a separate sheet. A dress code is required for rehearsals. All members of the cast are expected to provide the appropriate clothing and **indoor** footwear, specified by the Director.

If you accept a part in the castyou make a commitment to attend rehearsals on a regular basis and to comply with the rules of the Society. If you cannot attend a rehearsal, for whatever reason, you must inform the Director or a Committee Member. Two or more consecutive, unexplained absences from rehearsals may result in your being excluded from the show.

Fees.....Please note: We will be restricting the cast size to approximately 30 young people for GUYS AND DOLLS so the subscription arrangements will not begin until after the auditions.

WOW is a non-profit-making society whose income is derived mainly from ticket sales. Owing to high costs of items such as lighting, sound and costumes, we also seek support by sponsorship from local businesses. As a member you will be asked to pay a non-returnable fee of £10 to cover all four pre-audition evenings, and a £5 audition fee, membership fee, production fee and £25 returnable deposit for the libretto/vocal score and **actively to sell tickets**.

Please note the fees for this show will be £80. This comprises of a production fee of £40 per child and a membership fee of £40 per child. The membership charge is eligible for Gift Aid, since WOW is the junior section of WAOS, a registered charity. A Gift Aid form should accompany this letter but if you haven't received one please ask. The fees can be paid in one lump sum of £80, or two instalments, £40 at the start of rehearsals in September and £40 by the end of January 2022. For those successful auditionees requiring other payment methods please contact me, Steve Rogers 07540 634121, or another WOW committee member.

Dates for your Diary... WOW Summer School dates for 2022 are 15th-19th August ages 8-13, 22nd-26th August ages 13-21.

WOW is the junior section of Witham Amateur Operatic Society, Registered Charity Number 265029

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