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### **WITHAM OPERATIC WORKSHOP!**

17TH - 22ND FEBRUARY 2020

**WITHAM PUBLIC HALL** 

## LEGALLY BLONDE

The Musical

## MUSIC AND LYRICS BY LAURENCE O'KEEFE AND NELL BENJAMIN BOOK BY HEATHER HACH

BASED ON THE NOVEL BY AMANDA BROWN AND THE METRO-GOLDWYN-MAYER MOTION PICTURE

#### WITH

Hannah Ireland
Fraser McLauchlan Emily Birt
William Hackett Tom Nicoll Lily Follett
Poppy Fisher Maddie Smith Meg Abbott
Isabella Flynn Haddon Charli Piper Ben Rolph Georgina Hackett
Emily McNeill Ruby Lane Jenni Hunt Lily Rodgers Liv Possee
Myles Blackwell Ryan Wuyts Alex Cheek James Gager
Fionn Crickett Sophie Hill Anna Escott Mia Nichols
Maddie George Hattie Phillips Cleo Gunn
Gabriela Spindler-Mosquera Ellie Stobirski

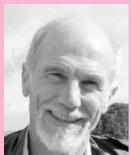
DIRECTOR Nikki Mundell-Poole

MUSICAL DIRECTOR
Susannah Edom

CHOREOGRAPHER
Louise Lachance

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## **GRAHAM GREEN - PRESIDENT**



A warm welcome to our show from all at WOW!

It's often said, never work with children or animals, so here we are working with both.

However, I think that this will be at least the fourth show that we have done just that, and each time has proved to be a great success. I see no reason why this show should be any different.

The cast have, as always, been working very hard and even Foxy (aka Bruiser) & Copper (aka Rufus) have attended rehearsals. I hope you will agree with me that their dedication and enthuisasm is evident on stage.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all those involved with this production, many of whom you will never see.

Many of our past cast members have achieved their aim of performing on the professional stage with great success. Our aim is to provide a place where young people can experience the magic of musical theatre for themselves alongside professional and semi-professional tutors.

### **SYNOPSIS**

Legally Blonde tells the story of Elle Woods, a sorority girl who enrols at Harvard Law School to win back her ex-boyfriend Warner. She discovers how her knowledge of the law can help others, and successfully defends exercise queen Brooke Wyndham in a murder trial.

Throughout the show, no one has faith in Elle Woods, but she manages to surprise them when she defies expectations while staying true to herself.

## **PRODUCTION HISTORY**

Legally Blonde is a 2007 musical with music and lyrics by Laurence O'Keefe and Nell Benjamin and book by Heather Hach. The story is based on the novel Legally Blonde by Amanda Brown and the 2001 film of the same name.

The show premiered in pre-Broadway tryouts in San Francisco, California. In April 2007 it moved to Broadway and was directed and choreographed by Jerry Mitchell. It received seven Tony nominations and ten Drama Desk nominations but unfortunately didn't win any.

The musical was recorded in September 2007 and aired on MTV in October. Following this, a reality television programme was aired showing the audition process for the next person to play Elle Woods on Broadway. The winner was Bailey Hanks, who played the role from July 23 2008 until the production closed on October 19.

The West End production opened in January 2010 at the Savoy Theatre starring Sheridan Smith in the lead role of Elle Woods, with Duncan James, Alex Gaumond, Jill Halfpenny and Peter Davison. The show won three Laurence Olivier Awards including Best New Musical, Best Actress in a Musical (Sheridan Smith) and Best Performance in a Supporting Role in a Musical (Jill Halfpenny). The show closed in London on April 7 2012 after 974 performances, significantly more than it played on Broadway.



Hannah Ireland - 15 Elle Woods First WOW! Show: CATS

Past Roles: Lucille in Thoroughly Moderr Millie, Coricopat in CATS Favourite WOW! Memory:

Meeting everyone and making friends

Favourite Musical:
Heathers

Plans for the Future: go to College to study Musical Theatre

Favourite LB Song: So Much Better



Fraser McLauchlan - 15
Emmett Forrest
First WOW! Show:
Half a Sixpence
Past Roles:

Pugsley in The Addams
Family, Kurt in The Sound
of Music, Huey Phillips in
oserville, Fyedka in Fiddle
on the Roof, Skimbleshank

Favourite WOW! Memory: Hearing the band for CATS for the first time

Dream Musical Role: Tevye in Fiddler on the Roo Favourite LB Character: Warner Huntington III



Emily Birt - 18
Paulette Buonufonte
First WOW! Show:

Favourite WOW! Memory:
The last show of CATS
Favourite Musical:
Hadestown

Professional admiration of weird animal species

species

Plans for the Future:

To fulfil my dream of pecoming a mad scient

Favourite LB Song:
Positive



William Hackett - 15 Professor Callahan First WOW! Show:

Past Roles:

Wayne in Loserville,
Bustopher Jones in CATS,
Bun Foo in Thoroughly

Dream Musical Role:
Judas in Jesus Christ

Superstar
Plans for the Future:

I would like to go to Drama School to study Performing Arts to then pursue a career in theatre

Favourite LB Song:



Tom Nicoll - 18 Warner Huntington III First WOW! Show: Grease Past Roles:

revor in Thoroughly Modern Millie, Old Deuteronomy in CATS, Eddie in Loserville

Favourite Musical: Young Frankenstein Dream Musical Role:

rank Abagnale Jr in Catc Me If You Can

Plans for the Future:

get a Masters in Maths at
University

Favourite LB Song: Chip on my Shoulde



Lily Follett - 17
Vivienne Kensington
First WOW! Show:
Thoroughly Modern Millie
Favourite WOW! Memory:
Summer School

Favourite Musical:

Dream Musical Role: Anya in Anastasia or Kate in

#### Hobbies:

Cooking - I'm not the bes but as long as the food tastes good it's fine! Fayourite LB Sona:

Favourite LB Character:
Paulette - she's just so
energetic!



Poppy Fisher - 16 Brooke Wyndham First WOW! Show: Half a Sixpence Past Roles:

Miss Dorothy in Thoroughly Modern Millie, Young Cinderella in Cinderella, Sielke in Fiddler on the Roof, Kate in Annie, Marta in The

Dream Musical Role: Eponine in Les Misérable Plans for the Future:

I'm doing my GCSEs this summer and then I'm hopin to do A Levels in Biology, Chemistry, Psychology and Theatre Studies



Maddie Smith - 15 Enid Hoops First WOW! Show:

Loserville
Past Roles:

Ensemble in Loserville and Thoroughly Modern

Favourite WOW! Memory: Thoroughly Modern Millie

Favourite Musical:
Come From Away
Hobbies:

skating and basketba Favourite LB Song:



Poppy Taylor - 13
Pilar
First WOW! Show:
Thoroughly Modern Millie
Past Roles:
Ouffy in Annie, Alice in Ali

utty in Annie, Alice in Alice in Wonderland, Ruth in Thoroughly Modern Millie Favourite Musical: Hamilton

Dream Musical Role:
Eponine in Les Misérables
Favourite WOW! Memory:
Performing in last year's
show and playing Dobble in
the dressing room!
Favourite LB Song:
Positive



Meg Abbott - 20
Margot
First WOW! Show:
Legally Blonde
Favourite Musical:
The Lion King
Plans for the Future:
to teach even more chile
about God and to gro

To teach even more children about God and to grow my dog walking business,
Chasing Squirrels
Hobbies:

11 years
Favourite LB Song:

Legally Blonde becaus the emotion

Favourite LB Character: It genuinely is Margot!



Isabella Flynn Haddon - 15 Serena First WOW! Show:

Favourite WOW! Memory: Finding out I got into Legally Blonde as this is my first show with WOW!

Favourite Musical: Everybody's Talking Abor Jamie

Dream Musical Role: Eponine in Les Misérable Favourite LB Song:

Favourite LB Character: Serena which is why I was so happy when I got the role!



Charli Piper - 16 Kate First WOW! Show:

Past Roles: Ensemble in Loserville, Admetus in CATS, Props fo Thoroughly Modern Millie Fayourite Musical:

Heathers
Dream Musical Role:
Heather McNamara in
Heathers or Lauren in Kinky
Boots

Hobbies: Reading and writing Favourite LB Song:



Jenni Hunt - 17 Greek Chorus/Skipper First WOW! Show: Grease

Favourite WOW! Memory: Winning the Helen Temperley Award at the end of last year's show

Favourite Musical:
Waitress
Dream Musical Role:

Dawn in Waitress Hobbies:

Favourite LB Song: So Much Better



Lily Rodgers - 17 Greek Chorus/Skipper First WOW! Show: horoughly Modern Milli Past Roles: Ensemble in Thoroughly

Ensemble in Thoroughly Modern Millie Favourite Musical:

enue Q, it never fails to

Plans for the Future:

am currently auditioning for Universities and Drama Schools, hoping to do Musical Theatre professionally

Favourite LB Song:
Positive because it's so oddly
motivatina



Liv Possee - 14 Greek Chorus First WOW! Show:

Favourite WOW! Memory: When Hannah (Elle) held Foxy (Bruiser) for the first

Favourite Musical:

Hobbies: aying the guitar and t

piano
Favourite LB Song:
So Much Better

Favourite LB Character:



Myles Blackwell - 15 Sundeep Padamadan/Chad,

First WOW! Show: Legally Blonde Favourite WOW! Memory:

Coming to the pre-audition: and being welcomed so kindly and making some amazing friends

Favourite Musical: Wicked Hobbies:

Playing the guitar
Plans for the Future:
A career teaching Music and
Drama

Favourite LB Song: Legally Blonde



Ben Rolph - 17 Kyle B. O'Boyle / Dewey First WOW! Show: Grease Past Roles:

Mungojerry in CATS, Ensemble in Grease, Our House, Loserville

Favourite WOW! Memory:
Dressing up as a dog in
Our House

Favourite Musical:

Dream Musical Role: Marius in Les Misérables Plans for the Future:



Georgina Hackett - 15 Greek Chorus/Skipper First WOW! Show: CATS

Past Roles: Cassandra in CATS, The Wicked Withc in The Wizar of Oz, Gloria in Thoroughly Modern Millie

> Favourite Musical: Hairspray Dream Musical Role:

Favourite LB Song:
Find My Way
Favourite LB Character:



Emily McNeill - 15 Greek Chorus/Skippe First WOW! Show: Loserville

Past Roles:

Workhouse Child in Olive Pepper in Annie, Dance in Pirates of Penzance, Ensemble in Loserville, Rumpleteazer in CATS, Dancer in Thoroughly

Dream Musical Role: Glinda in Wicked Hobbies:

Plans for the Future:
Become a primary schoteacher or do musical



Ruby Lane - 13 Greek Chorus/Skippe First WOW! Show: Legally Blonde Dream Musical Role:

Sharpay in High School

Hobbies:

Dance, ice skating, roller skating, football, basketball badminton

Plans for the Future:

singing skills and possibly perform in the West End Favourite LB Song:

Favourite LB Character:
Paulette Buonufonte



Ryan Wuyts - 16 Aaron Schultz First WOW! Show: CATS

Past Roles:
Gus in CATS, Ching Ho in
Thoroughly Modern Millie
Favourite WOW! Memory:
The 2017 Summer School
Dream Musical Role:

Sweeney in Sweeney Tod Plans for the Future:

Studying English, Philosophy, Music and Drama at Sixth Form

Favourite LB Song: Legally Blonde Reprise Favourite LB Character: Paulette Buonufonte



Alex Cheek - 12 Winthrop First WOW! Show: Thoroughly Modern Millie Past Roles:

Modern Millie
Favourite WOW! Memory:
Giving out the flowers on

pilling water everywhers Favourite Musical: Les Misérables Plans for the Future:

Favourite LB Song:
Leaally Blonde Remix



James Gager - 13 Pforzheimer/Nikos First WOW! Show: Legally Blonde Favourite Musical:

Dream Musical Role: Zack in School of Rock Plans for the Future:

would like to sell out th
O2 as lead guitarist in a
band!

Hobbies:
laying the guitar and lor

Favourite LB Song:
Gay or European



Fionn Crickett - 11
Lowell
First WOW! Show:
Legally Blonde
Favourite WOW! Memory:
Meeting all the new people
Favourite Musical:

Dream Musical Role: Evan Goldman in 13 Plans for the Future: To become an actor Hobbies:

Making up my own stories Favourite LB Song: Gay or European Favourite LB Character:

mmett Forrest



Sophie Hill - 16 Chorus/Skipper First WOW! Show: CATS

Past Roles:
Mr Mistoffelees in CATS
Favourite WOW! Memory:
In the dressing rooms during
CATS, dancing and listening
to music with each other

Favourite Musical: Everybody's Talking About

Plans for the Future: I want to study Dance and obtain a degree

Favourite LB Song:
Bend and Snap as I think it's
really catchy



Hattie Phillips - 14
Chorus/Skipper
First WOW! Show:
CATS
Favourite WOW! Memory:

The last night of CATS will always be so special, the atmosphere was immense!

Favourite Musical: Come From Away

Dream Musical Role:

she has such a strong personality and her songs are beautiful

Hobbies:

Baking, playing the piano and anything environmental

Favourite LB Song: Whipped into Shape



Anna Escott - 17 Chorus/Skipper First WOW! Show:

Favourite WOW! Memory:

memory but I always love he energy everyone has on he side of the stage before

Favourite Musical:

Hobbies:

I enjoy studying Beauty
Therapy which I do at

Favourite LB Character: Elle because I love her energy and confidence

Cleo Gunn - 11

First WOW! Show:

Past Roles:

**Dream Musical Role:** 

Plans for the Future:



Mia Nichols - 15 Chorus/Skipper First WOW! Show: Half a Sixpence Past Roles:

Young Ann in Half a Sixpence, Exotica in CATS Miss Flannery in Thoroughl Modern Millie

Favourite WOW! Memory:

Dream Musical Role: Kristine in A Chorus Line

Plans for the Future:
To become a Sonographer
Favourite LB Character:
Brooke because she has so



Maddie George - 14 Chorus/Skipper First WOW! Show: Legally Blonde

Favourite WOW! Memory: Attending WOW!'s Summer School - we had so much fun and I made lots of new friends!

#### Hobbies:

Dancing including balle tap, freestyle and stree dance

Plans for the Future:
To be a dancer/performe

Favourite LB Song: So Much Better Favourite LB Character:



Gabriela Spindler-Mosquera - 15

First WOW! Show: Legally Blonde

Past Roles: Liesl in The Sound o

### Hobbies:

Drawing, bass guitar Plans for the Future:

ther University or Theatre School after Sixth Form

Favourite LB Song: So Much Better Favourite LB Character:



ra - 15 Ellie Stobirski - 15

First WOW! Show: Legally Blonde

Past Shows:
Beauty and the Beas
The Sound of Music. L

The Sound of Music, Le Misérables and We W Rock You

Favourite Musical:
Waitress or Chicago

Dream Musical Role:

Hobbies: Basketball, singing, playing

Plans for the Future:

To study Dance, Musica Theatre and Music or Sciences and Maths

## **CREATIVE TEAM**



Nikki Mundell-Poole - Director

Although Nikki's formal training was in Drama she has spent over 30 years actively involved in Musical Theatre performing locally as well as going on to work both with West End musicals and touring productions, such as Phantom of the Opera, Les Misérables, Miss Saigon, Oliver!, Grease and Cats.

Primarily for the last 26 years she has been working with amateur societies around Essex and Suffolk including groups in Clacton, Sudbury and Colchester as both Director and Choreographer on over 40 musicals.

Nikki has now been directing for both WAOS and WOW! for 20 years and during that time has been able to work on some of her favourite musicals with both societies and has also been very fortunate to have won several awards with them.

She is delighted to return to WOW! after a six years absence since her last WOW show, Grease in

2014. She says Legally Blonde has been a challenge and a great show to work on with a fantastic team of youngsters who have worked so hard to meet her vision and deliver it to you tonight.



#### usannah Edom - Musical Director

Susannah lives near Witham and is CEO of Attain Multi Academy Trust and Director of the Chelmsford Teaching Schools Alliance, working with many local schools. Susannah works regularly with Barnardo's as conductor for their Young Supporters' Concerts at the Royal Albert Hall, Royal Festival Hall, Barbican and at Wembley. She is also involved with the Annual National Choral Competition as an adjudicator. She continues to work with young people and adults regularly both as a conductor, pianist and adjudicator and is an official accompanist for the Chelmsford Music Festival.

Susannah studied music at Bulmershe College, Reading receiving piano tuition under Eric Parkin and singing in the internationally renowned Girls Choir

under Gwyn Arch. She also worked as a choral specialist at the County Music School which led to involvement in the National Festival of Music for Youth and the Aldeburgh Festival as conductor.

Susannah has wide experience of musical theatre as Musical Director of societies locally. Susannah particularly enjoys working with the talented youngsters in WOW! and wishes them a wonderful production of Legally Blonde.



#### Louise Lachance - Choreographer

Louise is a professional dance artist who currently teaches Dance in Secondary Education. She trained under Matthew Bourne dancer Jason Piper at Kingston University before going on to complete her PGCE at The Royal Academy of Dance in 2016.

Louise has previously performed in collaboration with Candoco Dance Company at The Royal Festival Hall and as part of Rosie Kay's UK Tour, 5 Soldiers.

Choreography credits: Our House, The Producers, The Wedding Singer, Rock of Ages and various commissions with Flux Dance Collective

Assistant Director credits: Half a Sixpence

In addition to theatre Louise also performs regularly as an aeralist, specialising in Aerial Hoop and Lollipop Lyra.

Omigod You Guys Margot, Serena, Pilar, Delta Nu's, Elle

Warner, Elle Serious

Daughter of Delta Nu Margot, Serena, Pilar, Kate, Delta Nu's **Full Company** 

What You Want

The Harvard Variations Emmett, Aaron, Enid, Sundeep,

**Harvard Students** 

Blood in the Water Professor Callahan, Harvard Students

Elle, Margot, Serena, Pilar, Greek **Positive** 

Chorus

Ireland **Paulette** 

Serious (Reprise) Warner, Elle

Chip on my Shoulder Emmett, Elle, Greek Chorus, Company

So Much Better Elle, Greek Chorus, Company

Whipped into Shape Brooke, Professor Callahan, Company

Take it Like a Man Elle, Emmett, Company

Serena, Margot, Pilar, Paulette, Elle, Bend and Snap

Company

Gay or European Elle, Professor Callahan, Emmett,

Brooke, Vivienne, Warner, Enid,

Judge, Nikos, Carlos, Company

Legally Blonde Elle, Emmett

Legally Blonde Remix Vivienne, Enid, Elle, Company

Ohmigod You Guys (Reprise) Elle, Company

Find My Way/Finale Elle, Paulette, Company



## CAST

Hannah Ireland Fraser McLauchlan Emily Birt William Hackett Tom Nicoll Lily Follett

Poppy Fisher
Maddie Smith
Poppy Taylor

Meg Abbott Isabella Flynn Haddon

Charli Piper Ben Rolph

Ben Rolph Georgina Hackett Emily McNeill Ruby Lane Jenni Hunt Lily Rodgers

Liv Possee Myles Blackwell

Ryan Wuyts Alex Cheek

James Gager Fionn Crickett

Sophie Hill Anna Escott

Mia Nichols Maddie George

Hattie Phillips Cleo Gunn

Gabriela Spindler-Mosquera

Ellie Stobirski

Foxy Copper Elle Woods
Emmett Forrest
Paulette Buonufonte
Professor Callahan
Warner Huntington III
Vivienne Kensington
Brooke Wyndham
Enid Hoops

Enid Hoo Pilar Margot Serena Kate

Kyle B. O'Boyle/Dewey Greek Chorus/Skipper Greek Chorus/Skipper

Greek Chorus/Skipper Greek Chorus/Skipper

Greek Chorus/Skipper Greek Chorus

Sundeep Padamadan/Chad/Carlos/Chorus

Aaron Schultz/Chorus
Winthrop/Chorus

Pforzheimer/Nikos/Chorus

Lowell/Chorus Chorus/Skipper Chorus/Skipper Chorus/Skipper Chorus/Skipper Chorus/Skipper

Chorus Chorus Chorus Bruiser Rufus

## LEGALLY BLONDE

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## PRODUCTION TEAM

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Denise Scrivener, Nhung Wan Sue Rogers, Anne Howe,

Shelley Moore, Debbie Stirling, Tracey Hackett, Liz Watson Liz Watson, Shelley Moore, Matilda Bourne, Harley Crozier

Patsy Page
Donna Goddard
Debbie Rolph

Tracey Hackett, Donna Goddard

Matilda Bourne Rhianna Howard Ron Howe

## **BAND**

Sandy Tate, Jessie Threadgold Steve Hopper, Bex Ransom Dave Healy Phil Toms, Sue Long, Sue Edwards Elodie Chousa-Howells James Stirling Nick Tate Paul Codling Jessica Edom

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## THE HELEN TEMPERLEY AWARD

After the Saturday night performance we shall be awarding one of our cast members the Helen Temperley Memorial Award. The award was first presented in 2013 after being created in Helen's memory. The winner will be the member of WOW! who embodies the positive qualities that Helen exhibited, namely loyalty, hard work and selfless commitment while maintaining a great sense of fun and enjoyment.

**Previous Winners:** 

2013 - Michael Watling

2015 - Ed Tunningley 2017 - Faye Broadbent

2019 - Jenni Hunt

2014 - Charlotte Watling

2016 - Charlotte Tofts

2018 - Ciaran Brewer & Christopher Tierney

#### **ABOUT US!**

Witham Operatic Workshop! is an award-winning musical youth theatre group based in Witham, Essex. Our talented & enthusiastic performers' ages range from 11 to 21. WOW! is the junior section of Witham Amateur Operatic Society (WAOS, registered charity number 265029) & has been performing a variety of challenging & outstanding musical theatre productions every year since 1996. WOW! was founded by Nicholas Clough after the huge success of WAOS' 'Oliver!' that saw over 90 children audition. He concluded that there was a demand for a theatre group for young people in Witham & set about making it a success! Nick sadly passed away in 2015 but his legacy lives on through the passion seen in all of WOW!'s members and those that work tirelessly behind the scenes.

WOW! is committed to ensuring that our productions are accessible for as many young people as possible and our audition panel all agree to cast as diversely and inclusively as they can. We perform one full length show a year & we hope you will join us for our 2021 offering 'Guys and Dolls'!

Prospective members are warmly welcomed at our spring & summer workshops, our summer school weeks & for auditions in September each year. If you'd like any further information please contact Steve Rogers our Chairman (contact details on the back cover).

### **NATIONAL OPERATIC & DRAMATIC ASSOCIATION**

WOW! is proud to be affiliated with NODA. Founded in 1899, NODA is the leading representative body for amateur theatre in the UK. The Association has a membership of approximately 2400 amateur theatre groups and over 2000 individual members staging musicals, operas, plays, concerts and pantomimes in a wide variety of venues ranging from the country's leading professional theatres to village halls. NODA Aims: To give a shared voice to amateur theatre; to help societies and individuals achieve the highest standard of best practice and performance; to provide leadership and advice to enable amateur theatre to tackle the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century. WOW! most recently received the Best Youth Production Award and Best Production Award for 'CATS' (District 11, NODA East) and Cerys Wilkin who played Grizabella received the Best Young Performer Award. WOW!'s 2019 production of 'Thoroughly Modern Millie' has been nominated for Best Youth

#### NORTH ESSEX THEATRE GUILD

Production, the winners will be announced at the NODA East Awards in March.

WOW! is also a long standing member of NETG. NETG aim to help amateur dramatic groups in Essex by adjudicating shows to give professional comments on the quality of local shows. They also stage a One Act Play festival to encourage group integration and host an annual Awards evening to credit exceptional performances throughout the year.

The last awards evening took place in September and WOW! received 8 nominations for our 2019 show 'Thoroughly Modern Millie'. On the night Yasmin Sharp received the Best Young Actress award.



## **WOW! SUMMER SCHOOLS 2020**

A workshop based week for 8-13s

Mon 3rd - Fri 7th Aug

A performance based week for 13-21s

Mon 10th - Fri 14th Aug

Location: Witham Public Hall, Collingwood Road, Witham Price: £125 (£25 deposit required to reserve a place)

Two bursaries are available to cover the full cost for those that could otherwise not attend

Further Information: www.wow.org.uk/summer-schools

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- Those involved with box office, stewarding, programme and raffle ticket selling
- Those involved with the bar
- Those involved with chaperoning
- Those involved with dressing
- Those involved backstage and with transportation
- Those who have helped to build the scenery
- Those who have helped with publicity banners and boards
- Cabello Hair and Beauty for their sponsorship and supply of props
- Coes Maldon for sponsorship, suit hire and supply of props
- Chelmsford Theatre Workshop, CAODS, Thurstable School, Witham Twirlettes and all those who helped in the supply of props
- WAOS members past and present for donations of costumes and footwear
- Spotlight Productions for supply of costumes and props
- David Mitchell and James Tovey for their musical assistance
- Solopress for printing the publicity material and programmes
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- Witham Art & Framing Centre for printing the display photos
- Witham Dramatic Club for the use of the raised seating
- Spring Lodge and the Witham Public Hall for the use of their rehearsal facilities
- Chelmsford Library, Witham Tourist Information Centre & Witham Library for permission to display photographs
- Cofunds, The Railway Tavern and the Witham Public Hall for allowing us to display banners
- Those who have freely donated window space for the display of our posters

Anyone else who has contributed in any way to the preparation and production of this show!

#### **PREVIOUS PRODUCTIONS**

1996 - Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

1997 - West Side Story

1998 - Annie

1999 - The Boy Friend

2000 - 42nd Street

2001 - The Wiz

2002 - Bugsy Malone

2003 - Oliver!

2004 - Crazy For You

2005 - Little Shop of Horrors

2006 - Fame

Members

2007 - A Knight to Remember

2008 - High School Musical 2009 - Les Misérables

2010 - Hot Mikado 2011 - West Side Story

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