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THE NEW HIT MUSICAL

The Madness Musical

Monday 16th - Saturday 21st February 2015
Witham Public Hall
Collingwood Road

Book by Tim Firth, Music and Lyrics by Madness
This amateur production is presented by arrangement with
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About The Show

The story follows Camden lad Joe Casey who, on the night of his 16th birthday, makes a decision that will change his life. Trying to impress Sarah, the girl of his dreams, Joe breaks into a building development overlooking his home on Casey Street, but things take a turn for the worse as the police turn up. Joe's life splits into two; the Good Joe who stays and gives himself up and Bad Joe who flees and leaves Sarah to run from the police.

Our House follows the two paths that Joe's life could take after that fateful night; one path means a criminal record and social exclusion, while the other will lose him the girl that he loves. Over a period of seven years and two alternative lives Joe deals with the consequences of that night. Whilst one Joe fights to keep Sarah, the other is marrying her in a glitzy Vegas wedding and, ultimately, while Good Joe fights to save his house on Casey Street, Bad Joe is determined to demolish it with tragic consequences. All this is watched over by Joe's deceased father, who pulls the two stories together.



Creative Team



Amy Trigg - Director

I trained at Mountview Academy of Theatre Arts. Roles whilst training include Amy in 'Company', Maria in 'Yerma' and Hermione in 'The Winters Tale'. TV includes 'Stella' on Sky One. I'm a member of Natural Diversions Theatre Company. Directing credits include 'Rent' for Witham Music Theatre and 'Our House' for New Rickstones Academy. As assistant director: 'Heritage' and 'Hospital Food' both for Tomorrow's Talent. I'm an ex WOW member and thrilled to be back working with such a talented group!



Emma Firth - Musical Director

I enjoyed being MD for the first time with WOW's production of Grease so much, I am back for more! I graduated with a Masters in piano performance and I now teach piano and woodwind locally. I also play for many shows both in the pit and as rehearsal pianist. Furthermore, I perform in classical music concerts around Essex. I would like to thank WOW! for the opportunity to work with a creative inspiring team and such talented young people.



Louise Lachance - Choreographer

I recently graduated from university with a BA Hons in Dance & work as a freelance dance practitioner, teaching in local schools as well as performing professionally across Essex & London. I have previously been involved in both performance & choreography of musicals such as; Calamity Jane, Songs for a New World, West Side Story & Little Shop of Horrors. I have also trained & performed alongside practitioners from contemporary dance companies such as; Mathew Bourne, Rambert, Candoco Dance Company & Hofesh Shector Company. I have thoroughly enjoyed working alongside Amy & Emma in this production & am so grateful to have such an enthusiastic & spirited cast to work with.



Act I

- Our House
- Simple Equation
- My Girl
- Simple Equation (Reprise)
- All I Wanted/My Girl
- Baggy Trousers
- Simple Equation (Reprise)
- Embarrassment
- Embarrassment (Reprise)
- Driving In My Car
- My Girl (Reprise)
- Driving In My Car (Reprise)
- Simple Equation (Reprise)
- Shut Up
- Tomorrow's Just Another Day/The Sun and the Rain
- Priest, Joe, Emmo, Lewis, Casey St. Residents
- Dad
- Emmo, Bad Joe, Lewis
- Dad
- Kath, Dad, Lads
- Reecey, Schoolkids, Mr Jesmond, Bad Joe
- Dad
- Good Joe, Ensemble
- Bad Joe, Heather, Sales Reps, London Alarms Boss
- Good Joe, Lewis, Emmo, Billie, Angie, Sarah
- Sarah, Dad
- Dad, Bad Joe, Salesman
- Dad, Ensemble
- Reecey, Cops, Good Joe
- Prisoners, Good Joe, Girls Chorus



Act II

- Night Boat to Cairo
 - Wings of a Dove
 - One Better Day
 - Our House (Reprise)
 - Rise and Fall
 - House of Fun/Rise and Fall/My Girl
 - N.W.5
 - Embarrassment (Reprise)
 - It Must Be Love
 - The Sun and the Rain (Reprise)
 - Simple Equation (Reprise)
 - Our House (Reprise)
 - Dad
 - Billie, Angie, Ensemble
 - Dad, Good Joe, Kath, Ensemble
 - Good Joe, Dad
 - Good Joe, Ensemble
 - Bad Joe, Julie, Good Joe, Mr Pressman, Ensemble
 - Sarah, Dad
 - Clerk, Barrister, Good Joe, Harper, Smith, Massey, Small-Time Lawyer
 - Sarah, Good Joe
 - Good Joe, Bad Joe, Stallholders
 - Dad, Bad Joe
 - Dad, Good Joe, Ensemble
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The Orchestra

Musical Director, Piano
 Trumpet
 Tenor Saxophone, Flute
 Tenor Saxophone, Clarinet
 Keyboard
 Electric Guitar
 Bass Guitar, Rehearsal Pianist
 Drums

- Emma Firth
- Stephen Hopper
- Denis Hill
- Fiona Hill
- Geoff Osborne
- James Stirling
- Ben Firth
- Paul Codling



The Cast

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| Joe | Ben Huish |
| Sarah | Rosie Goddard |
| Kath | Amy Seymour |
| Dad | Mark Ellis |
| Emmo | Jack Martyn |
| Lewis | Max Lenoir |
| Billie | Alice Tunningley |
| Angie | Ashton Reed |
| Mr Pressman | Chris Tierney |
| Reecey | Ed Tunningley |

Ensemble

Aaron Andrews, Emily Birt, Issy Chapman, Jake Collis, Katie Galley, Hatty Gribben, Jennifer Hunt, Tasha Lawrence, Daisy Martyn, Tom Nicoll, Ben Rolph, Alice Rydzik, Jodie Sainsbury, Victoria Sharpe, Charlotte Tofts, Bella Tull



Graham Green - President

A warm welcome to our 2015 production, 'Our House', featuring the music of Madness. The cast have really been put through their paces in this high energy, non-stop show, they have all worked very hard. If only I had one tenth of their energy! I am honoured and delighted to be President of this amazing group of young people and it is extremely gratifying that we now have two young people on our committee who are former cast members.

The entire cast will want to join me in wishing you an enjoyable evening in our company and look forward to seeing you all in 2016 for our next production when WOW celebrates 20 years of performing in Witham.

Production Team

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| Director | - Amy Trigg |
| Musical Director | - Emma Firth |
| Choreographer | - Louise Lachance |
| Stage Manager | - David Hunt |
| Assistant Stage Manager | - Keith Radley |
| Stage Crew | - Graham Green, Peter Lawrence, Michael Anderson, Dean Hirst |
| Scenery | - Graham Green, TEXO Scaffolding |
| Lighting | - Nigel Northfield |
| Lighting Assistant | - Quintin Brazier |
| Follow Spot Operators | - Kris Knox-Crichton, Anne Dyster, Lauren Northfield |
| Sound | - Paul Galley, Jason Fenn |
| Properties Manager | - Annette Maguire |
| Properties Team | - Angie Briley, Denise Scrivener, Anita Goold, Rachel Maguire |
| Wardrobe Mistresses | - Anne Howe, Alison Carlyle |
| Wardrobe Assistants | - Gemma Gray, Debbie Stirling, Shelley Moore, Lori Trigg |
| Make Up | - Liz Watson |
| Make Up Assistants | - Shelley Moore, Lucy Galley |
| Prompt | - Pam Adams |
| Box Office Manager | - Janice Hawkes |
| Front of House Manager | - Debbie Rolph |
| Publicity Manager | - Donna Goddard |
| Photography | - Matilda Bourne |
| Programme | - Rhianna Howard |
| Bar Manager | - Ron Howe |





Joe - Ben Huish

I have been performing since I was young and have enjoyed playing roles such as Treplev in *The Seagull*, Truffaldino in *A Servant to Two Masters*, Javert in *Les Miserables*, Danny in *Grease* and Eddie in *Sister Act*. I am really looking forward to playing Joe in *Our House* and hope you enjoy the show!

Dad - Mark Ellis

I am a year 13 student currently auditioning for drama schools. I have been performing since I was a week old and this is my 7th show with WOW! having most recently played Tony in *The Boyfriend* and Roger in *Grease*.



Emmo - Jack Martyn

I am a year 11 student studying for my GCSEs at New Hall School. This is my 4th show with WOW!, the others include *Footloose*, *The Boyfriend* and *Grease*. I am also rehearsing for *Les Miserables* and will be playing Marius. I am thoroughly enjoying playing the part of Emmo and hope you enjoy the show as much as I do.

Lewis - Max Lenoir

Hi, I'm Max, I'm 16 years old and I am currently studying for my GCSEs at Colchester Royal Grammar School. I've been in past productions with WOW! such as *Footloose* and *West Side Story* and played 'Dodger' in *Oliver!* with WAOS last October. I hope you all enjoy the show!



Mr Pressman, Ray - Chris Tierney

Hi, my name is Christopher Tierney and I am 15 years old. This is my second show with WOW!, the first being *Grease* and I played Sonny. I have enjoyed being part of *Our House* and I know it is going to be "One Step Beyond".



Sarah - Rosie Goddard

This is my fifth show performing with WOW!, previously playing the part of Maisie in WOW!'s production of The Boyfriend. I am currently studying for my GCSEs at The Sandon School. I am thoroughly enjoying rehearsing the role of Sarah and I hope you enjoy the show as much as I am.

Kath - Amy Seymour

I am sixteen years old and currently studying Drama, which I hope to continue studying at A Level. This will be my third show with WOW! and I am also rehearsing for my first show with WAOS, both societies are lots of fun to belong to! I hope you enjoy the show!



Billie (Dance Captain) - Alice Tunningley

I am 15 years old & have been part of WOW! for 4 years now, and I have performed in Footloose, The Boyfriend and Grease. I have also been in Oliver and am rehearsing The Addams Family now with WAOS. I have been doing dance at Imagination since I was 3. I enjoy WOW! a lot and I hope to continue in the future.

Angie - Ashton Reed

Our House is my 2nd show with WOW! and I am thrilled to be a part of it. I am currently studying a level 2 NVQ in Business and Administration with Cunningtons Solicitors which I am really enjoying. I have performed in several shows over the years, including Rent, Les Miserables, Grease, Chicago and Footloose.



Reecey (Dance Captain) - Ed Tunningley

I have been performing on the stage since the age of 4 and have participated in over 20 productions in Essex. My favorite roles so far have been Kenickie in Grease (WOW!) and Enjolras in Les Miserables (Essex Group). I also play guitar, bass and piano and front a band.



Aaron Andrews - Priest, Policeman, Mr Jesmond
This is my first show with WOW! and it has been great to meet a lot of new people. Previously I have been in shows with the Essex Group and these included Les Miserables, Jesus Christ Superstar and Seussical. I hope you enjoy tonight's performance!

Emily Birt - Photographer, Salesman

Hi, I'm 13 years old and in year 8 at Colchester County High School for Girls. I have been dancing since I was 3 but haven't participated in a musical like Our House before. I hope you enjoy the show as much as I have rehearsing it!



Issy Chapman - Joe's Solicitor

I'm 15 years old and Our House will be my first show with WOW! I have always loved dancing, acting and singing and have performed in many school and dance shows since I was 4 years old. I have really enjoyed the rehearsals for Our House and can't wait for the show. I hope you enjoy it!

Jake Collis - Callum, Bartender Dave, Shabby Uncle

This is my first show with WOW! and I have really enjoyed rehearsing for it. I have always enjoyed acting and have performed in several different shows with other groups, including a brother in Joseph & the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat, a disciple in Jesus Christ Superstar and Khashoggi in We Will Rock You. Enjoy the show!





Katie Galley - Stall Holder, Massey (Dance Captain)
I am 16 and I study Musical Theatre at Colchester Institute. This is my 3rd show with WOW! I recently played a postulant in The Sound Of Music with WAOS. I have also performed with Witham Music Theatre, playing the role of Luisa in The Fantasticks. Rehearsing Our House has been great fun. I hope you enjoy the show!

Hatty Gribben - Smith, Stall Holder

I'm Hatty, I'm 17 years old and this is my second show with WOW!, the first being Grease in which I played Marty. I am currently taking Drama and Theatrical Studies at The Colchester 6th Form College.



Jennifer Hunt - Youth Custody Officer, Careers Officer
This is my second show with WOW!, the first being 'Grease'. I am 12 years old and I am in my first year at secondary school. I have thoroughly enjoyed rehearsals and I hope you enjoy the show.

Tasha Lawrence - Policewoman, Mrs Pressman

Hello! My name is Tasha, I'm 16 years old and have been doing drama for 7 years now. I have played a variety of parts from a Lovely Lady to the Queen of Hearts. This is my first show with WOW! and I have loved every minute of it!





Daisy Martyn - Policewoman, Security Guard
I am currently in year 8 at the Sandon School. This is my first show with WOW! although I have seen many of their past productions. I have enjoyed the rehearsals and I am looking forward to being part of the show. I hope you enjoy it.

Tom Nicoll - Joe's Double, London Alarms Boss
Hello I'm Tom! I will be 13 this week and go to Thurstable School. This is my second production with WOW! I was most recently in The Sound of Music but have also been in Oliver! and Grease. This show has been great fun to rehearse and I hope you enjoy it!



Ben Rolph - Dog Man
I am 12 years old and this is my 2nd show with WOW! Since rehearsals started for Our House I have come to really like Madness' music and even bought one of their albums. My favourite song is "Baggy Trousers". I have enjoyed rehearsing for the show and I hope you like it!

Alice Rydzik - Council Solicitor
I'm 15 and this is my first show with WOW! I have enjoyed rehearsing for Our House so much. I was recently in the WAOS production, The Sound Of Music, as well as previously performing in many other local shows. Hope you enjoy the show!





Jodie Sainsbury - Clown, Clerk

This is my fifth show with WOW! I joined when I was 11 and I returned last year for the production of 'Grease'. I am also part of WAOS, our adult group and we are currently rehearsing for The Addams Family.

Victoria Sharpe - Barrister

This is my 2nd year of WOW! Last year I was in Grease and it was so much fun I couldn't wait to come back this year for Our House. I really like performing; especially singing and acting, so something like this is amazing for me to be a part of!



Charlotte Tofts - Heather, Harper, Stall Holder

Hi! My name is Charlotte and I am 16. I go to Colchester County High School and am currently studying for my GCSEs. This is my fifth show with WOW! after playing Fay in The Boyfriend and chorus in many other shows. I have loved rehearsing for Our House and I hope you enjoy watching it too!

Bella Tull - Julie the Receptionist (Dance Captain)

I am 17 years old and currently in the first year of sixth form studying for my AS levels. Our House will be my sixth show with WOW! and after playing Dulcie in our production of The Boyfriend and Frenchy in Grease I am very excited to be taking on the role of Julie The Receptionist this year!



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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 most 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

2014 - Charlotte Watling

Chairman's Welcome

WOW is going from strength to strength as it moves towards its 20th anniversary in 2016. The original goal of encouraging an interest in musical theatre amongst young people so that WAOS, the senior group, would have another generation of members to swell its ranks, is being met. Young people from WOW are routinely in shows that WAOS perform. However, WOW has a more immediate objective - to create the best musical theatre entertainment in the area and I hope you agree that Our House is darn close to that.

If you have a child of 11-21 or who is approaching 11 years old why not ask if they would like to get involved. We ran two successful Summer Schools in 2014, one for 8-13 year olds and one for 13-18 year olds and we hope to repeat those this year. We shall also be running a series of workshops during the summer term before we begin rehearsing for the next WOW show, Half a Sixpence which will be performed February half-term 2016.

To find out more why not call me on:

01621 891143/07775 672547 or email: wow.chairman@wow.org.uk

Parents can also get involved since there is plenty to do backstage, Front of House, helping with the bar or in administration/publicity.

Stewart Adkins

The Society's grateful thanks are extended to:

- Those involved with box office, stewarding, programme and raffle ticket selling
- Those involved with the bar
- Those involved with chaperoning
- Those involved backstage and with transportation
- Those who have helped with publicity banners and boards
- TEXO Scaffolding for supplying and putting up the scaffolding
- Dressing Up Box, Springers and Tommorrow's Talent for the use of their costumes
- Witham Dramatic Club for the use of the raised seating
- Derek Elliott at the Public Hall
- Spring Lodge and the Public Hall for the use of their rehearsal facilities
- All those who helped in the supply of props
- Matilda Bourne for taking the publicity and dress rehearsal photographs
- Morrisons, Essex County Council, Witham Visitor Information Centre and the Grove Centre for permission to display photographs
- Those who have freely donated window space for the display of our posters
- The Media

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 Boyfriend

2000 - 42nd Street

2001 - The Wiz

2002 - Bugsy Malone

2003 - Oliver!

2004 - Crazy For You

2005 - Little Shop of Horrors

2006 - Fame

2007 - A Knight to Remember

2008 - High School Musical

2009 - Les Miserables

2010 - Hot Mikado

2011 - West Side Story

2012 - Footloose

2013 - The Boyfriend

2014 - Grease

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