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presents  
**42ND STREET**

*Music by Harry Warren Lyrics by Al Dubin  
Book by Michael Stewart and Mark Bramble  
Based on the novel by Bradford Ropes*

*An amateur production by arrangement with  
Musicscope and Stage Musicals Ltd*

**Witham Public Hall  
22nd – 26th February 2000**

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**Programme £1**



**Nicholas Clough**  
**Chairman, WOW**

### ***Welcome to 42nd Street .....***

This is WOW's fifth show and we hope you have an enjoyable evening.

*42nd Street* is a totally different concept from last year's production, *The Boy Friend*, and the Company will, I am sure, display their considerable talent and versatility in their performance of this difficult and spectacular show.

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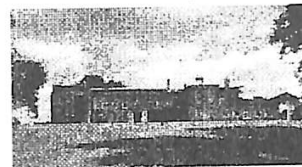
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## 42nd Street Synopsis

*"Broadway dreams, Sawyer – we've all had 'em"...*

But do dreams come true? Peggy Sawyer, a young girl from Allentown comes to Broadway in the hope that she will find happiness and success.

Arriving late for an audition for 'Pretty Lady', a show to be directed by Julian Marsh, Peggy thinks she has missed her chance to fulfil her Broadway dreams. However, she bumps into Billy Lawlor, a run-of-the-mill tenor boy, and he persuades her to dance and sing with him.

Marsh notices Peggy, and, at first, dismisses her. Later, realising he needs an extra chorus girl, he asks Peggy to join the line of troopers. Peggy accepts, and joins the cast of Pretty Lady. However, an unfortunate set of events lead to Dorothy Brock, the egotistical but rich star of the show, being unable to perform. In desperation, the kids of the show think of who could possibly take Brock's place.

An idea hits Annie, a dancer in the show, and she runs to tell Marsh. Annie persuades Marsh to hire Sawyer. Realising that without a star, they have no show, Marsh hires her, and 36 hours of fun begin.

Will Peggy learn her part in time for the opening of Pretty Lady? Sit back and enjoy the show, and you will find out...

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**Patrons are warned that strobe lighting and  
gunshot sound will be used in Act 2, Scene 7.**



## Previous productions of the Society:

1996 *Joseph and The Amazing  
Technicolor® Dreamcoat*  
1997 *West Side Story*  
1998 *Annie*  
1999 *The Boy Friend*

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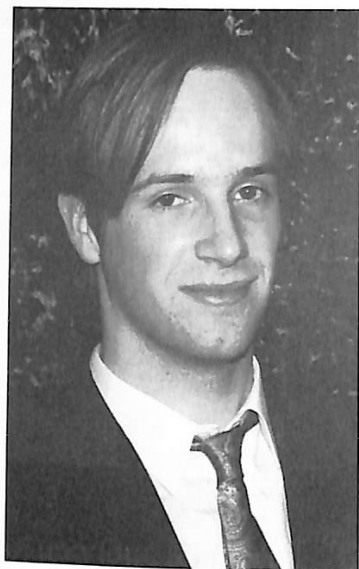
## The Cast

*Dorothy Brock*  
*Peggy Sawyer*  
*Maggie Jones*  
*Ann Reilly (Anytime Annie)*  
*Phyllis Dale*  
*Lorraine Flemming*  
*Diane Lorimer*  
*Ethel*  
*Julian Marsh*  
*Bert Barry*  
*Billy Lawlor*  
*Andy Lee*  
*Mac*  
*Pat Denning*  
*Abner Dillon*  
*Frankie*  
*Young Man with Clipboard*  
*Two Thugs*  
  
*Doctor*  
*Waiter*  
*Two Policemen*  
  
*Pickpocket/Thief*  
*Young Soldier*  
*Gangster*

*Elaine Cartman*  
*Claire Shilling*  
*Sarah Willingham*  
*Gemma Smallpage*  
*Kathryn Neale*  
*Sarah Tunbridge*  
*Lianne Smallpage*  
*Rosie Clarke*  
*Andrew Ould*  
*Joe Baker*  
*Simon Palmer*  
*Richard Adkins*  
*Ian Willingham*  
*Andrew Mercer*  
*David Shields*  
*Graham Green*  
*Jonathan Kent*  
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*Andrew Mercer*

## CHORUS

Jacqui Bignell, Claire Burfield, Carolyn Davis,  
Gareth Evans, Sarah Fletcher, Pamela Groom,  
Susy Hawkes, Jonathan Kent, Kirsty Lawrance,  
Jason Stone, Natalie Wilson



**Andrew Ould**  
(*Julian Marsh*)

Andrew is no stranger to the Witham stage where he has appeared in four WOW shows – as *Napthali* in *Joseph*, *Action* in *West Side Story*, *Oliver Warbucks* in *Annie*, and in the chorus of *The Boy Friend*. Sadly this will be Andrew's last show with WOW as he has reached the grand old age of 18!

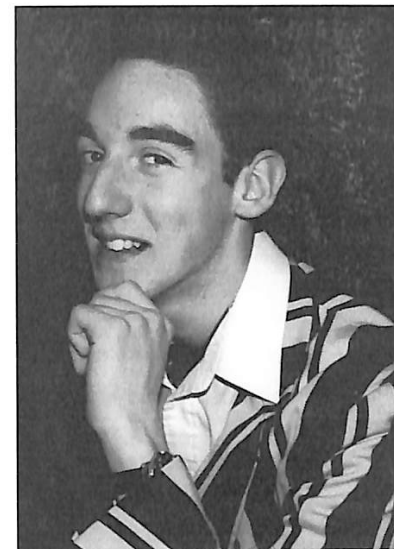
**Elaine Cartman**  
(*Dorothy Brock*)

Elaine is a newcomer to WOW. Previously she played the part of *Sandy* in her school production of *Grease*. We wish Elaine all the best in her role as *Dorothy Brock*.



**Simon Palmer**  
(*Billy Lawlor*)

During his time with WOW Simon has played a variety of roles – firstly as *Isaachar* in *Joseph*, a *Shark* in *West Side Story*, *Bert Healey* in *Annie* and *Bobby* in *The Boy Friend*.



**Claire Shilling**  
(*Peggy Sawyer*)

Claire joined WOW as a dancer for the first two shows, *Joseph* and *West Side Story*. She went on to play the lead in *Annie* and *Maisie* in *The Boy Friend* last year.



# 42ND STREET

## Synopsis of Scenes and Musical Numbers

### Act I

Scene 1: Stage of the 42nd Street Theatre, New York

*Overture & Opening - Orchestra & Dancers*

*Young and Healthy - Peggy & Billy*

*Shadow Waltz - Maggie/Dorothy/Dorothy & Girls*

Scene 2: The Gypsy Tea Kettle Restaurant

*Go Into Your Dance - Maggie, Peggy, Lorraine,*

*Phyllis, Annie, Diane, Andy*

Scene 3: Stage of the 42nd Street Theatre

*You're Getting To Be A Habit With Me - Dorothy*

Scene 4: Dorothy Brock's Dressing Room

Scene 5: Stage of the 42nd Street Theatre

*Getting Out Of Town - Maggie, Bert, Pat & Chorus*

Scene 6: Stage of the Arch Street Theatre, Philadelphia

*Dames - Billy & Chorus*

Scene 7: Dorothy Brock's Room,

The Regency Hotel, Philadelphia

*I Know Now - Dorothy*

The Regency Club with Bar

*I Know Now - Billy & Chorus*

Scene 8: Pretty Lady, Opening Night, Philadelphia

*We're In The Money - Annie, Phyllis, Lorraine,*

*Diane, Peggy, Billy, Chorus*

*Forty-Second Street - Dorothy*

### Act II

Scene 1: Outside the Stage Door, Arch Street Theatre

Scene 2: The Kids' Dressing Rooms

*There's A Sunny Side To Ev'ry Situation - Annie & Chorus*

Scene 3: Outside the Stage Door, Arch Street Theatre

Scene 4: Broad Street Station, Philadelphia

*Lullaby Of Broadway - Julian, Billy, Andy, Bert, Annie,*

*Diane, Phyllis, Lorraine, Gladys, Maggie, Abner & Chorus*

Scene 5: Backstage, The 42nd Street Theatre, New York

Scene 6: Peggy Sawyer's Dressing Room

*About A Quarter To Nine - Dorothy & Peggy*

Scene 7: Pretty Lady

*Shuffle Off To Buffalo - Bert, Annie, Maggie & Girls*

*Forty-Second Street - Peggy & Dancers*

Scene 8: On Stage, immediately following the performance.

*Forty-Second Street - Julian*

### FINALE

*Dames - Full Company*

*Lullaby of Broadway - Full Company*





**Andrew Mercer**  
(*Pat Denning*),  
**Ian Willingham** (*Mac*),  
**Richard Adkins** (*Andy Lee*)  
**David Shields**  
(*Abner Dillon*)

Andrew is appearing with WOW for the first time and we wish him the best of luck. Ian has appeared in four WOW shows, most recently as *Tony* in *The Boy Friend*. Richard has his first major role and this is his third show. David has been in all four WOW shows and was seen as *Marcel* in *The Boy Friend*.

**Joe Baker** (*Bert Barry*) and  
**Sarah Willingham**  
(*Maggie Jones*)

Joe has appeared in all four previous WOW shows and Sarah in three. Most recently Joe took the part of *Alphonse* in *The Boy Friend* and Sarah played the part of *Duffy*, an orphan, in *Annie*.



**Sarah Tunbridge** (*Lorraine*), **Gemma Smallpage**  
(*Anytime Annie*), **Rosie Clarke** (*Ethel*), **Kathryn**  
**Neale** (*Phyllis*), and **Lianne Smallpage** (*Diane*).

Rosie and Sarah joined WOW for *The Boy Friend*. Kathryn, Gemma and Lianne joined WOW for *Annie* where they appeared as orphans. In *The Boy Friend*, Kathryn took the part of *Polly* and Gemma played *Dulcie*.

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## The Band

Musical Director	Jill Parkin
Reeds	David Allaway Melanie Williams Stuart MacLeod
Brass	Bryony Rees Phil Davis
Bass	Phil Toms
Percussion	Mark Nice
Accompanists in rehearsal	Peter Dollimore Helen Fox Peter Humphreys Sarah Willingham

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## Cynthia Stead Artistic Director

This is the first time I have worked with WOW and hopefully it won't be the last - although some may feel otherwise!! There is lots of talent in this group and I am sure there is still more hidden in Witham. I would advise everyone to work with children as it gives you grey hair but certainly keeps you fit - all you need is a loud voice!



## Lavinia Farmer Assistant Choreographer

Lavinia has choreographed many shows for the Witham Operatic Society and Braintree & Bocking Musical Society and was Assistant Director for the WAOS production of Guys & Dolls in 1966. This is the first time Lavinia has worked with WOW.



Owing to unforeseen circumstances our original Musical Director, Peter Dollimore, has been unable to complete the show.

We are very grateful to Jill Parkin who has taken on this role at short notice.



**WOW!**

We hope that you will enjoy tonight's production of **42nd Street** and that you will book early for our next show, which will take place in February 2001.

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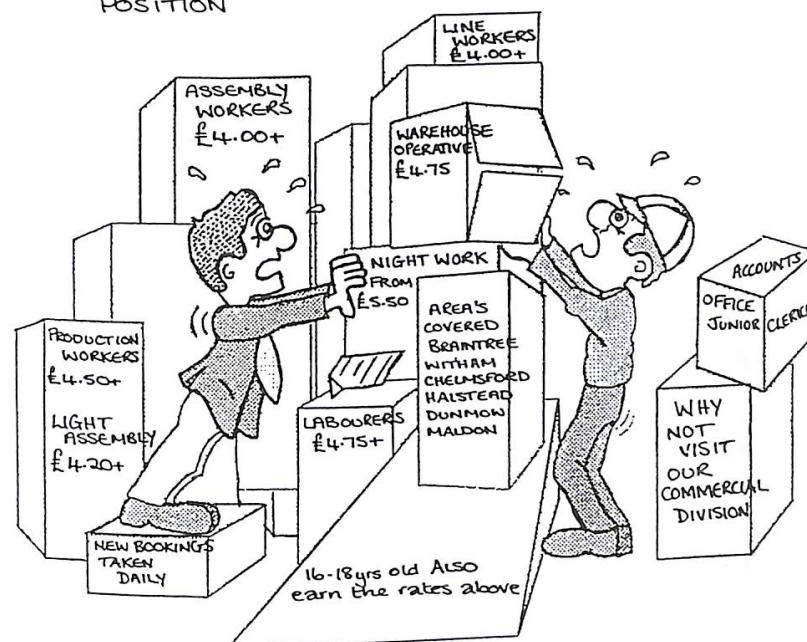
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