

WOW!

Witham Operatic Workshop

presents

A KNIGHT TO REMEMBER



**An Original Pantomime
written and directed
by Lindsay Ward**

**13 -17 February 2007 at the
Witham Public Hall**

WOW Needs You!

WOW was formed in 1996 to cater for young people from the age of 11 to 18. Our main aim is to enable members to develop their performing abilities and build their self-confidence through performing in musical theatre in a safe, secure and enjoyable environment.

It is great fun to be part of a team performing on stage and WOW members have formed many new friendships in the process. We also hope to provide good quality entertainment for local people, which is especially important for those not able to travel out of the area.

Putting on a show is very much a team effort and many hands really do make light work. There are many ways you can help with our productions such as:

- ◆ **Publicity:** Before each production we may need help with publicity - distributing posters and flyers to public buildings and businesses around the area. Most importantly, we need help to sell tickets in the weeks before the show.
- ◆ **Wardrobe, Set & Props:** Can you sew or wield a hammer?
- ◆ **Stage Crew, Sound & Lighting:** Could you be one of our roadies?
- ◆ **Front of House:** Box Office, programme & raffle ticket sales, bar & refreshments.
- ◆ **Minders & Security:** Chaperones, ushers during show week and during rehearsals.

Please don't wait to be asked. If you can lend a hand, even if it's only for one evening, every contribution is very welcome.

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Janice Hawkes, Natalie Hawkes (Chair, WAOS, ex-officio)

Dear Patron

A big WOW welcome to this our first Pantomime.

Pantomime is probably one of the most difficult forms of theatre to master, and the cast, under the direction of Lindsay, Geoff and Lucinda, have been working hard to hone their skills and bring you an evening of fun, song and dance.

WOW is always keen to hear from youngsters interested in theatre and the magic that it brings, we look forward to the auditions in the summer for our 2008 production of Disney's *High School Musical*. Make sure you log on to our website www.wow.co.uk for all the up to date information.

We also need more adults to help on the committee and with productions, be it back stage or front of house, this is not an onerous task and is in fact very rewarding when you see the end product on the stage.

If you are interested in joining the WOW team then please contact me on 01376 511574 or any of the committee.

I hope that you will enjoy our show and look forward to seeing you all again in 2008.

Graham Green
Chairman

I would like to thank everyone who has helped me with this production ...
Especially -

Lucinda for working so hard with the choreography and keeping the 'team spirit' going!!
Geoff, for his support throughout rehearsals, his original compositions and ... for making me smile!

Jacqui Foster for her help with set design and staging.
Jo Speed for being so reliable and calm as usual!

All the Committee for believing in me when I said we could produce a pantomime and that it would be a great experience and a learning curve for the kids - which it certainly has been!
... but most of all to the kids for working so hard and achieving so much!!

Thank You - Lindsay

WOW Secures Rights to Smash Disney Hit

It was a tense meeting, the room was packed, the table was littered with books, leaflets, scores and DVDs. What would the Committee decide? Tea, coffee or wine?

But seriously, choosing shows is never easy. What will the audience think? Can we sell it? Will the scenery fit the stage? Has anyone else done the show nearby? In the end it came down to a simple choice — what would "wow" the residents of Witham and beyond want?

We are therefore delighted to be able to confirm that WOW has been lucky enough

to be one of the first amateur societies in the country to secure the performing rights for Disney's Emmy award winning film "High School Musical". If you didn't manage to see it on BBC over Christmas not to worry, you could buy a DVD from our new web store, take a look at the WOW web-site (it includes a preview of the songs) or just read on for a brief introduction to what the fuss is all about.

(By some estimates over 34 million people have watch HSM since its launch.) The film highlights the sort of problems that can arise at school between cliques suggesting that there can't be any overlap between athletes, drama club kids, and academic students.

Nevertheless the overall message of the musical is good, stressing the support of friends regardless of their interests. There's a strong anti-peer pressure

manifesto and an excellent anti-bullying message that it's OK to sing and dance. (Well we all know that anyway don't we, everyone!).

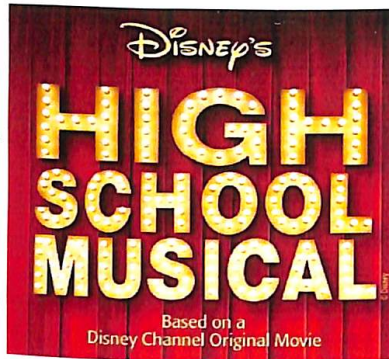
So what's the story? On New Year's Eve, Troy Bolton and Gabriella Montez meet and discover their mutual love for music. Later, they discover they attend the same high school and Troy is the star of the basketball team while Gabriella is involved with the academic team. When Troy and Gabriella win a callback for the school musical, teen drama queen Sharpay Evans is furious. She and her brother Ryan have been the lead in 17 school plays.

But when the jocks and geeks hear of Troy and Gabriella's callback, they join forces to split them up. When they discover it's caused far too much upset, they admit their jerkiness to Troy and Gabriella.

Then the day of the callbacks, the championship basketball game, and the scholastic decathlon comes (all thanks to Sharpay for demanding a

reschedule for the callbacks), Gabriella forgives Troy and they sing "Breaking Free" and win the lead.

The musical numbers cover all the bases, urban pop, salsa, ballads, etc. and offers plenty of scope for anyone interested in being part of the phenomenon that has become High School Musical.



Disney's High School Musical Comes to Witham!

The 2007

WOW!

Company



Gemma, Hannah & Beatrice



Zoe, Charlotte & Emily



Geoff - Musical Director



Lindsay - Director



Lucinda - Choreographer



Faith & Rhianna



Thomas, Jessica & Joseph



Abbie, Elice & Jodie



Jake, Adam & Michael



Jess P, Cat, Sammie & Reagan

A Knight To Remember

An original production conceived, written and directed by Lindsay Ward
Original Songs & Music "Let Us Get The Show Rolling" & Something In The Air"
composed by Musical Director, Geoff Osborne
Choreography by Lucinda Ward

Act 1

- Scene 1: An Mediaeval Towne somewhere not so very far away
- Scene 2: Ye Blacke Knight's Dungeon
- Scene 3: Ye Towne- later the same day
- Scene 4: Goode Queene Martha's Palace
- Scene 5: Ye Towne—the next day

Interval—20 minutes

Act 2

- Scene 1: Ye Forest outside ye Black Knight's Castle
- Scene 2: Black Knight's Dungeon
- Scene 3: Goode Queene Martha's Palace
- Scene 4: Ye Towne Square

Finale

Synopsis

Once upon a time in a land far, far away - somewhere near Chipping Hill perhaps there lived a happy band of villagers. They were ruled over by the Goode Queene Martha and her son, Harlequin. The Handsome Prince Harlequin is betrothed to Columbine—but can they "Live Happily Ever After" or does the Evil Black Knight have other plans?

Who can possibly ensure that everything should be as it should? Wizzie the pocket-sized wizard and his assistant Dickie? The Noble Knights perhaps? Who is the Black Knight really? Why did he run away from home? Why was Queene Martha born so beautiful?

Take a gentle stroll through Pantoland with us, and all will be revealed!

Would Patrons please note that Witham Public Hall is a no Smoking Venue. No photography or videoing is permitted under any circumstances.

Cast

Town Cryer

Villagers

Prince harlequin

Wizzie

Dickie

Jester

Ye Younge Apprentice Maide

Ye not so Younge Maide

Ye Noble Knights:

Sir Drinkalot

Sir Laughalot

Sir Knowalot

Sir Wally

Ye Blacke Knight (hiss, boo!)

The fair Lady Columbine

Grizelda : Ye Royal Manny

Goode Queene Martha

A relative surprise!

Emily Hird

Abbie Emmons

Cat Eacott

Ellice Thorpe

Jess Prior

Jodi Sainsbury

Reagan Lewington

Sammi Clunie

Jodie Bromley

Faith Rogers

Joe Wild

Jess Rodda

Zoe Rogers

Charlotte Graham

Beatrice Hayes

Jake Davis

Chris Adair

Michael Watling

Adam O'Neill

Thomas Clarke

Rhianna Howard

Gemma McCartney

Hannah McCartney

Cat Eacott

Orchestra

Master of ye Musike

Woodwind

Brass

Guitar

Keyboard

Drums

Bass

Geoff Osborne

Sandy Tate

John Malham

Martin Donald

Phil Toms

Paul Codling

Leslie Harwood-Ellis

Crew

Mistress of Ye Properties

Properties Serfs

Seamstress & Mistress of Ye Wardrobe

Make-up

Master of Ye Stage

Able Assistants

Sound

Lighting

Box Office

Publicity

Programme

front of house Manager

Tavern Keeper

Rehearsal Rooms

Jo Speed

Alison Howett Mike Howett
Denise Scrivener, Nathan Rowland

Janice Hawkes

Liz Watson

Graham Green

Keith Radley, David Hunt,
Ken Hawkes, Mark Tinworth,
Paul Green

Paul Galley, Event Sound & Lighting

Nigel Northfield

Colin Watson

Katherine Adkins

Natalie Hawkes, Sarah Wilson
Lindsay Ward

Norman Clarke

Nicholas Clough

United Reformed Church,
John Bramston Drama Studio,
Imagination School of Dance

Thanks to Braintree District Council, Public hall caretakers Colin & Derek, also to The Grove Centre & Wm Morrison Supermarkets plc & anyone who has helped in any way at all!

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WOW's Hall of Fame

WOW has now performed ten fully costumed, successful shows since it was founded by Nick Clough in 1996. The diversity of the shows is incredible as the list below shows and many past members of WOW have now gone on to stage school, college or university and taken their enthusiasm and energy for musical theatre with them.

YEAR	PRODUCTION
2006	Fame
2005	Little Shop of Horrors
2004	Crazy For You
2003	Oliver!
2002	Bugsy Malone
2001	The Wiz
2000	42nd Street
1999	The Boy Friend
1998	Annie
1997	West Side Story
1996	Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor® Dreamcoat

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See you again soon!

WOW meets weekly every Tuesday at the United Reformed Church, Newland Street Witham.

Musical theatre is a great way to meet new people and get involved in a hobby that will leave a lasting impression on you for the rest of your life.

So if you are 11 or over, why not drop in and see us? After *A Knight To Remember* we'll be putting on a range of drama and music workshops in the run up to rehearsals for High School Musical.

To join our mailing list send your details to heytime@yahoo.co.uk or visit our new web-site www.wow.org.uk



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