



Thomson-Leng Youth Music Theatre

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Cast Newsletter

June 2011

Welcome!

We would like to welcome you to our first cast newsletter in a little while. Many have been asking us recently about what is happening and important dates etc. This newsletter should hopefully answer those questions and keep you up-to-date with events and information.



Dates for your Diaries....

In the coming weeks and months there are various events taking place and since we are approaching the summer holidays there is vital information about rehearsals etc that needs to be noted.

Date	Event	Time	Location
9 th Jul 2001	Gather for Gala Performance	12 noon – 1.30pm	St Andrew's Church
9 th Jul 2011	Rotary Club Dundee – Gala Charity Sale performance	1pm – 3pm	City Square, Dundee
13 th Aug 2011	Arbroath Seafest	3pm – 4pm	Arbroath
20 th Aug 2011	Rehearsals start again for Bugsy & Little Shop	2pm – 5pm	St Andrew's Church
3 rd Sept 2011	Dundee Food & Flower Festival performance	12 noon – 12.30pm	Camperdown Country Park
23 rd Sept 2011	Local Heroes Presentation performance	To be confirmed	To be confirmed
15 th Oct 2011	Radio Tay Show Promotion performance	To be confirmed	Gardyne Theatre

Contact details

Calling all parents and guardians! It is vital that we have up-to-date contact details. This is especially important for emergencies and keeping you informed if and when things change. Please make sure we have details on file. At each rehearsal it is a requirement under the law that we have a full emergency contact list for all cast present. This list is kept securely by a member of the committee and only used if required. If your details have changed, new mobile etc, or to make sure the details we have are up-to-date please email donna@tlms.net with your name and contact details. Below are the two contact numbers for the Youth Music Theatre. The **Cast Information Line** number should be used to contact us regarding issues about attending rehearsals or in case of emergencies.



Subscriptions

When you registered with the Youth Music Theatre earlier this year you should have received forms regarding the Annual Subscriptions. These gave details of the amount due and the various options available to pay. We are slowly receiving these forms back but some have still to return them.

If you do not have the forms please see Carol or Joe at rehearsals to request them. The annual subscription must be paid to enable us to meet the costs of productions, events, insurance and rehearsals, also this subscription must be paid in full to enable the member to be able to perform on stage with the society.

Anyone with questions or issues with the subscriptions should contact Carol to discuss these further. You can also email Carol if you prefer – carol@tlms.net

November Showtime

As you are aware we are staging two productions, "**Bugsy Malone**" and "**Little Shop of Horrors**", this November in the Gardyne Theatre. The Theatre is due to reopen in August following a £4 million refurbishment as part of Dundee College's redevelopment of the Gardyne Campus. A few of the committee members recently visited the Theatre to see the redevelopment and from that visit we can report that the auditorium and backstage facilities are looking tremendous. The real work for the cast for these shows begins in August when we return after the summer break to follow the rehearsal schedules. These schedules are currently being worked out and when they are finished they will be given out to all cast members.



Keeping up-to-date

There are various ways you can keep up-to-date with what is happening. Our website, www.tlms.net is full of useful information and a full rehearsal schedule. We also have a **facebook** page onto which we post regular rehearsal news on information.



**Contacting us..... General Enquiries & Box Office 07814 423322
Cast Information Line 07850 128901**

Show Tickets & Promotion

After the summer break you will receive a pack containing posters and booking forms. We hope you will make good use of these and spread the news of the show far and wide. **Tickets are now available.** We would prefer if you use the **Society's Box Office – (01382)501581** or buy your tickets via our **Online Box Office**, or if you prefer complete one of the booking forms. You can also email your details to orders@tlms.net. All orders made over the phone, email or by order form will be reserved for **14 days** to allow you to pay for the tickets. If the full amount due for the order is not paid after **14 days** the seats will be put back on public sale. No tickets will be issued until full payment is received. Once purchased tickets cannot be refunded or exchanged.



A Prize is to be given to the child who sells the most tickets. Furthermore if you know anyone who is part of a group, organisation or business who would be interested in purchasing Seats for the show in our '**Theatre for All**' campaign then please do not hesitate to contact Donna or Joe.....Previously the Round Table of Broughty Ferry bought 6 rows which were given to Charity Groups in and around Dundee enabling people to attend the theatre when they don't normally get the opportunity. The seats can be donated to a charity of the Donator's Choice or we can source the recipients.

Help & Volunteers Required

Parents, the kids may be the show stoppers but we need volunteers for chaperoning and very essential backstage assistance. If you have special talents – hair, make up, costume, tea making – please let us know. There are a lot of kids for this one, so we need a lot of help and organisation.



Fund Raising Events



Over the coming months we will be holding various fund- raising events to raise much needed funds.

Fund raising is important and we need your help. To stage Bugsy Malone & Little Shop of Horrors it is going to cost over **£40,000!!** A large amount of this we hope to raise through ticket sales, but we also rely on your fundraising to help cover the costs. We are also looking for donations of prizes for the Grand Raffle. We also plan to hold Coffee Mornings, Concerts etc., and we need your support, contributions and participation. Parents can you or do you know anyone who can donate prizes? If you can help please speak to Donna or Joe. We look forward to hearing from you.

Speaking of special talents.....

Budding face painters are required for the coffee morning and any suggestions for different stall ideas would be

much appreciated as well as available bodies for Stall and Waitress duties. As usual we'll be running Cake and Candy and Tombola, but other ideas are welcome. If anyone has any new unused items suitable for Tombola/Bottle stall you can you start gathering them now and nearer the time of the event bring them to rehearsals for collection.

Bugsy Malone Wardrobe

The cast for Bugsy is made up of over 80 children. This alone produces a nightmare for the wardrobe ladies. To hire all the costumes required would add tremendous costs to the budget. We require your help. We are looking for the following items - white or black ties, boys striped suits in any size, striped trousers, boys jackets, black or white ties, feather boas, long beads...fascinators, gangster hats, children's braces...generally any clothes or dresses that you think suitable for the Show. Please speak to Cheryl or Donna if you have suitable items.



Panto Time

Thomson-Leng Musical Society are staging their first Panto in the Gardyne Theatre in December. It is proposed that the youth cast will be involved in various chorus numbers alongside the adult cast. Due to the large number of youth cast however, the youth will be split into two teams and perform in alternate performances. The panto is running for seven performances including a Saturday Matinee. More details of the Youth Music Theatre's involvement will be in the next newsletter and published on the website.

Keep it tidy



We hire the Church Halls for the rehearsals and therefore have the responsibility to use them responsibly.

This means leaving them clean and tidy and not causing any damage. Cast members must not leave cups or any rubbish lying about for someone else to clear up after them. Please make sure you keep the halls etc clean and tidy and don't just leave things lying around. If we don't pay attention to these rules we may be looking for somewhere else to rehearse.

Who's who in the Society?

Over the rehearsal period you will see a variety of people at rehearsals and events. Below are some details of people who you may need to contact for information or have specific questions answered etc.

Carol Horn – SOCIETY PRESIDENT carol@tlms.net

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Frances Leahy – GENERAL SUPPORTER/ WARDROBE