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An amateur production by arrangement with Musicscope.



Director
JEREMY TUSTIN

PRODUCTION TEAM



Artis

for the Society.



Musical Director
PETER SNELL

Peter, then a young 'hippy;' studied music under

Dr Swinburne at Colchester Institute in the 70s.

He has been involved with COS and CO2 for

many years and has recently obtained a teaching

qualification in order to expand his musical

career. He is delighted to be the musical director

Jeremy began performing in Chelmsford at the age of seven. He then went to train professionally at Mountview Theatre School. Since graduating he has appeared in numerous West End, touring and rep seasons. These include Raoul in 'Phantom of the Opera', 'Evita', 'City of Angels' and 'A little Night Music'. He now directs/ choreographs full time throughout the UK and has received a great deal of critical acclaim for his productions.

Directors Assistant **SALLY HAMMOND**

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Hello

As the new Chairman of Colchester Operatic Society may I welcome you to this performance of 'Crazy for You' directed and choreographed by a new director to us, Jeremy Tustin. Jeremy is no stranger to the area and had been directing locally in Ipswich and Chelmsford Societies.

To assist Jeremy we have three ladies Sally Hammond, Jenny Spurgeon and Barbara Pears who have worked very hard over the past few months to drill the cast to the level of performance you are about to see now. I thank them most sincerely for their sheer tenacity and hard work.

Our Musical Director Peter Snell has steered the cast through some tricky harmonies of the Gershwin score resulting in the musical feast you are about to hear.

'Crazy for You' is a new show created from a 1930's Gershwin musical 'Girl Crazy' and headlined as the new Gershwin musical. It was first performed on Broadway on the 19th. February 1992 and then came to London at The Prince Edward Theatre on the 3rd. March 1993. The part of Polly Baker was played at that time by Helen Way when Jenny and I went to see it in 1993, later it was played by local actress Ruthie Henshall who was married last year.

The Society is always on the lookout for new members to swell the ranks in all departments so if you have a talent for singing, dancing, acting, back stage work etc we would like to hear from you. Either by contacting our web site or Colin Thorne our membership secretary, these are detailed at the bottom of this page.

Now sit back and enjoy 'Crazy for You' and please tell your friends

Michael Spurgeon Chairman COS

Crazy for You - The Story

Set in the 1930's Crazy for You is the musical story of Bobby Childs. He is a rich, spoilt New York playboy who is sent by his domineering mother to Deadrock, Nevada. His simple task is to foreclose on the mortgage on a long dormant theatre.

On arriving in the sleepy Western mining town this task takes on a whole new dimension when he falls in love with Polly Baker the only girl amongst the 157 men in the town.

For more detail about us and enquiries about membership:-

visit our website at www.colchesteroperaticsociety.co.uk
or call our membership secretary Colin Thorne on 01206 262664
or for our Youth Group CO2
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'CRAZY FOR YOU' CAST



Tess **Emma Spurgeon**



Patsy Vicki Norrell



Bobby Child Paul Stone



Bela Zangler Graham Bowden



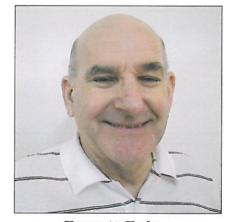
Irene Roth
Sally Leung



Mrs Lottie Child Lydia Clough



Polly Baker Robyn Gowers



Everett Baker Brian Moore



Lank Hawkins Kevin Richards



Left: Patricia Fodor Barbara Ryan

Right: Eugene Fodor **John Enfield**

CAST

(In order of appearance)

Tess: Emma Spurgeon
Patsy: Vicki Norrell

Bobby Child: Paul Stone

Bela Zangler: Graham Bowden

Irene Roth:Sally LeungMrs Lottie Child:Lydia CloughPerkins:Anthony SmithPolly Baker:Robyn Gowers

Everett Baker: Brian Moore

Cowboy Trio: David Moye - Moose
Michael Mundell-Poole - Sam

Anthony Smith - Mingo

Lank Hawkins: Kevin Richards

Eugene Fodor: John Enfield

Patricia Fodor: Barbara Ryan

Cowboys: Ken Houghton - Harry (Bartender)

James Mott - Custus

Colin Thorne - Wyatt (Also Chauffeur)

Gary Huggins - Pete Sean Walsh - Billy

Follies Girls: Sarah Beards - Mitzi

Tracey Budd - Elaine
Valentine Cavanagh-White - Susie
Ann Mills - Margie
Becki Riches - Betsy
Teresa White - Louise
Shelley Aspinall - Vera
Hannah Emerson - Shirley

Ensemble: Maria Hinton, Claire Jones, Kay Lorcet, Sandra Moorhouse,

Barbara Ryan.

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Scenes and Musical Numbers

ACT 1								
Scene 1:	Wings & Stage of Zangler's Broadway Theatre, just before a Follies Finale							
	'Krazy for You' ~ Bobby							
Scene 2:	Street in front of Zangler's Theatre, 5 minutes later 'I Can't Be Bothered Now' ~ Bobby and Girls							
Scene 3:	Main Street, Deadrock, Morning							
	'Bidin' My Time' ~ Cowboy Trio and Men 'Things are Looking Up' ~ Bobby							
Scene 4:	Inside Lank's Saloon, Deadrock, Immediately following 'Could You Use Me ~ Bobby and Polly							
Scene 5:	Main Street & Desert, Deadrock, As evening falls 'Shall We Dance' ~ Bobby and Polly							
Scene 6:	Stage Gaiety Theatre, Deadrock, Immediately following							
Scene 7:	Main Street, Deadrock, Morning, three days later Girls Enter Nevada (Bronco Busters) Chorus							
	'Someone To Watch Over Me' ~ Polly							
Scene 8:	Lobby Gaiety Theatre, Mid-morning, two weeks later							
Scene 9:	Stage Gaiety Theatre, Immediately following 'Slap That Bass' ~ Bobby as Zangler and Company							
	'Embraceable You' ~ Polly and Bobby as Zangler							
Scene 10:	Backstage Gaiety Theatre, Saturday night about 7pm 'Tonight's The Night' ~ Chorus							
Scene 11:	Main Street, Deadrock, Immediately following 'I Got Rhythm' ~ Polly and Company							
	Interval							
ACT II								
Scene 1:	Inside Lank's Saloon, 15 minutes later 'The Real American Folksong' ~ Cowboy Trio and Chorus							
	'What Causes That' ~ Bobby and Zangler							
Scene 2:	Lank's Saloon, Next morning about 10am 'Naughty Baby' ~ Irene, Lank and Male Quartet							
Scene 3:	Stage Gaiety Theatre, 10 minutes later							
	'Stiff Upper Lip' ~ Bobby, Polly, Eugene, Patricia and Company 'They Can't Take That Away From Me' ~ Bobby							
Scene 4:	Street in front of Zangler's Theatre, Six weeks later 'Nice Work If You Can Get It' ~ Bobby and Girls							
Scene 5:	Main Street, Deadrock, Three days later 'Bidin My Time' ~ Cowboy Trio 'Things Are Looking Up' ~ Everett							
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Finale ~ Company

The Company





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